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No. 197797

VETERAN

Joseph A. Sutton

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SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE
(FOR A PAYMENT)

IN CASE OF

Co. G., 13th Regt. U. S. Vol.

Jas. L. Sutton

Application for Increase.

No. 197.972

Date of examination: Mar 10th

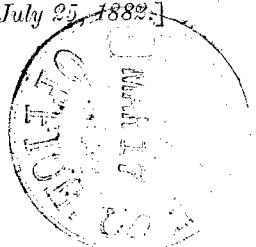
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H. P. Brinker, Jr.
Second Assistant Examining Surgeon.

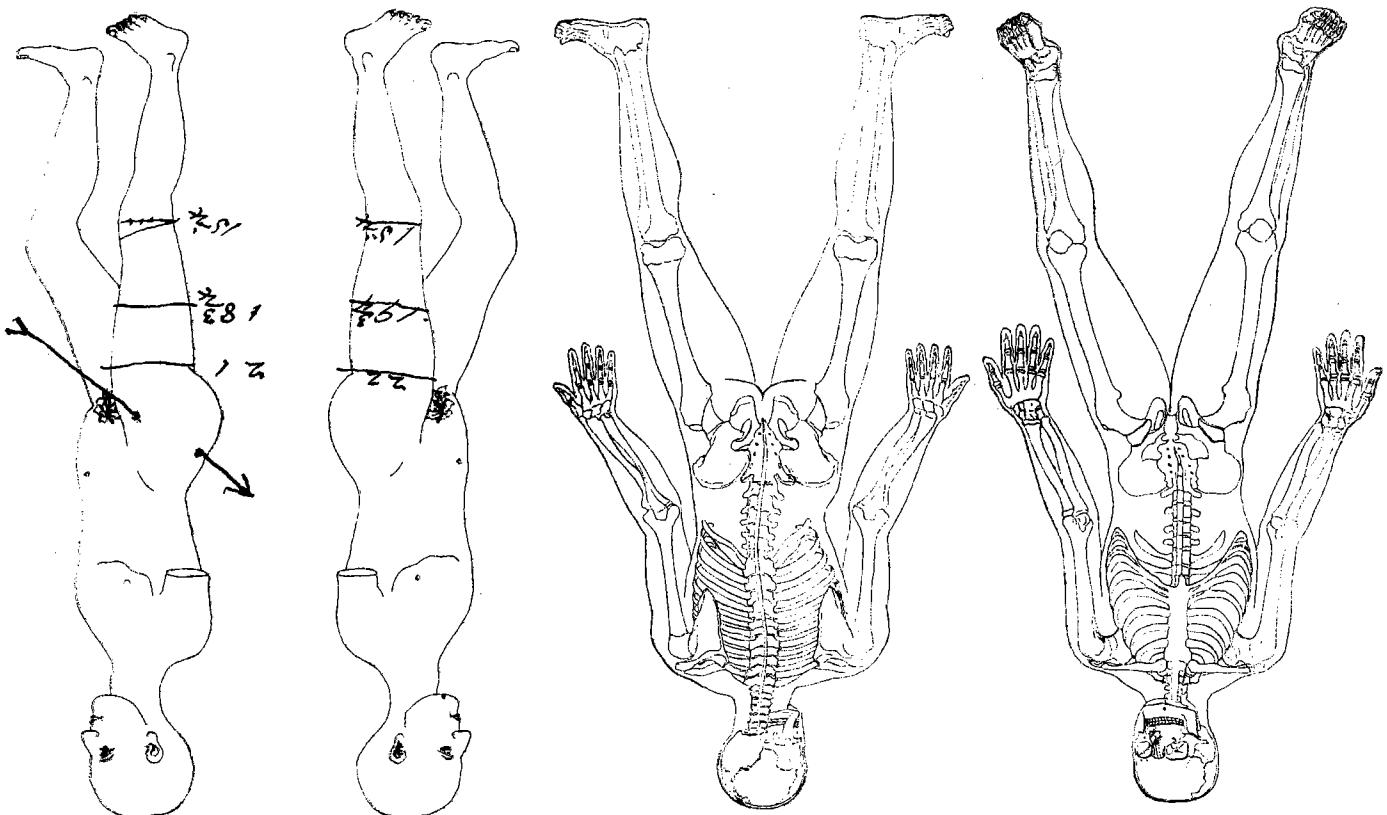
Post office, One Arbor.

City, Washington
State, D. C.

P. S.—Write your Post-office address plain and in full.



PROVIDED FURTHER, That all examinations shall be thorough and searching, and the certificate contain a full description of the physical condition of the claimant at the time, which shall include all the physical and rational signs and a statement of all the structural changes. [Extract from Section 4, Act of Congress approved July 25, 1882.]



Index Sheet, Claim No. Father, # 537.502

Joseph A. Sutton

Car. G. 13. N.Y. Ind

Service,

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1	William R. Sutton Eagle, Mich	July 12. 92	Act June 1890. Declaration as Father - no widow nor child survived.
2	Pub Recom Oakland Co. Mich.	July 12. 92	Marriage of cl. May 18. 1835
3	George J. Sutton "Wm H. Sutton Eagle, Mich	May 5. 92	Known family from infancy Joseph A., a son, & pensioner Main support of cl. Soldier lived with his father William B. last 16 yrs. No desirable means of support nor had any past co grs, only as soldier provided

REGISTER IN CHANCERY CERTIFICATE.

Oakland County Post Printing House, Pontiac.

State of Michigan, } ss.
County of Oakland,

David J. Howard affy
Register of the Circuit

Court for the County of Oakland, IN CHANCERY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Marriage between William Antler
and Enfield Jane Anderson ex of The Town of Dayton
Oakland County in the above entitled cause in said Court, as appears of Record in my office. That I have compared the same with the original, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court
at Pontiac Mich this 8th day of January A. D. 1892

David J. Howard affy
Register in Chancery.

William Sutton
To
Enfield Jane Alexander

{ Oakeham County - ss;

I certify that on the
17th day of May - present the rites of Matrimony
was solemnized by me between William,
Sutton and Enfield Jane Alexander, both of
Lyons in County aforesaid

May 18th 1835.

William Tucker
Justice of the Peace

Fees of Record June 16-1835

Charles Draper
Jep. Clegg

Clerk's fees, 50^c per cent -

John C. Draper

Hair & Cut 25 cents

Wife of Draper 10^c

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Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.

April 5, 1866

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. _____, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Roll on file in this Office, that _____ was enrolled on the day of _____, 186_____, at _____ in Co. _____,

Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, and during the war, and mustered into service as a _____ on the _____ day of 186_____, at _____, in Co. _____,

Regiment of _____ Volunteers, to serve _____ years, and during the war, on the Muster Roll of Co. "G" of that Regiment, for the months of dated May 13, 1863, has reported furnished no evidence of discharge in case of Private Joseph H. A. S. Ford, but reports him a "Deserter" with the remark "Dropped off."

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, *John. Preble*

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Washington, D. C.

Memorandum

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

X 6 M.D.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Jan. 10, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. , and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Joseph A. Estton was enrolled on the 8 day of Oct., 1861, at Danville, N.Y. in Co.

18 Regiment of N.Y. Volunteers, to end of enlistment of 18th U.S. V. serve years, ~~and during the war~~, and mustered into service as a Pvt. on the 8 day of Oct. 1861, at Danville, N.Y., in Co. 13

Regiment of N.Y. Volunteers, to serve ^{to end of enlistment of 18th U.S. V.} years, ~~and during the war~~. On the Muster Roll of Co. G of that Regiment, for the months of Sept. and Oct. 1862, he is reported Pvt. ~~Reported as Deserter and dropped from Rolls in compliance with G. O. from War Dept. No. 92 and 101~~ ^{On Roll for May} and Jan. 1862 he is reported ~~Bounded over back to New York and sent to Genl Hosp. May 7, 1862,~~ very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, Jas. D. Peck

The Commissioner of Pensions

Assistant Adjutant General.

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant

Address

W. W. M. Jr.

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

97998

Washington, June 24, 1881.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions.
Joseph A. Sutton Company C, 13th Regiment
New York Volunteers, was enrolled on the 8th day of
Oct., 1861, at Donville, and
is reported: on roll for May & June 1862
Absent wounded on picket at Yorktown,
sent to Genl Hospital May 2^d 1862 -

"Discharged May 14th 1863"-

charge of desertion, (dropped as a deserter per Genl Orders 92nd (162) removed.
He was admitted to Mill Creek C.H. Fort Monroe,
on Aug 3, 1862 and was transferred (sub north)
and entered G.H. at Bedloe Island N.Y. on
Aug. 9, 1862 disposition not given. He returned
to G.H. Fort Monroe date not given and was
returned to duty Nov. 28, 1862. Admitted to
Provost Camp Va. Dec 1, 1862 and trans-
ferred to Hobk. Feb. 23, 1863. He was sent to
Lincoln C.H. Washington D.C. Feb. 24, 1863
which he entered same day and was sent to
Philadelphia, April 14, 1863. He was admitted
to 24th and South St. C.H. Philadelphia Pa.
April 15th 1863 and transferred May 6, 1863,
entered 16th & Gilbert St. C.H. Philadelphia Pa. May
6th 1863. And was returned to duty May 14, 1863,
as of which date he was subsequently discharged
the service by the Chief Mustering Officer at
Rochester N.Y. by reason of expiration of term." -

Co. & Regt. books not on file -

nature and location of wound received
on picket at Yorktown not stated.

J.S.W.

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A. M. Wickham

Application for Accrued Pension.

(WIDOWS.)

State of

Ohio

County of Cuyahoga

, ss:

ON THIS

7th

day of January

1898

personally appeared
Mary J. Sutton, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is the
lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton, deceased; that he died on the
15th day of June, 1891; that he had been granted a pension by
Certificate No. _____ which is herewith returned (if not, state why not) It was

never in her possession; that he had been paid the pension by the Pension Agent at _____
up to the 4th day of March, 1891; after which date he had not been em-
ployed or paid in the Army, Navy or Marine service of the United States, ~~except~~ _____

that she was married to the said Joseph A. Sutton on the _____ day of
1868, at Byron, in the State of Michigan; that her name before said marriage was Mary J. Bennett

that she had ~~ever~~ not been previously married; that her husband had ~~ever~~ not been previously married; that she hereby makes application for the pension which had accrued on the aforesaid Certificate to the date of death; and that her residence is No. 311 Lake

Street, City of

Cleveland

County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio

and her Post Office address is the same

Mary J. Sutton

Widow's Signature

Also personally appeared Wm. W. Webb, residing at Cleveland O. and Fred Clements

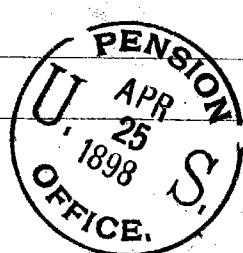
residing at Cleveland O., who, being duly sworn, say that they were

present and saw Mary J. Sutton sign her name (or make her mark) to

the foregoing declaration; that they know her to be the lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton

, who died on the 15th day of June, 1891,

and that their means of knowledge that said parties were husband and wife, and that the husband died on said date, are as follows: _____



Wm. W. Webb

Fred Clements

Signatures of Witnesses

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 7th day of January, 1898, and I certify that the affiants are reputable persons; that they know the contents of their depositions, and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit. I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the above claim

John A. Bonhardt

Official Signature

Notary Public

Official Character

197.97

No. 2000

ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

WAR OF 1861.

VOL. 3, page _____

Joseph A. Sutton
Sandy Creek, New York
Otsego [redacted] to NY
Priv. f. 13 N.Y. Vol.
Discharged May 14th, 1863.

"4.66. Suspended on chg. of desertion.

Joseph D. Barrett
Exap
Commissioner.

Received, Dec 16th, 1863.
Ralph T. Wood
Penn Yan [redacted]

Genes Co. NY.
Attorney.

M.E. Am. 19 M
N. H. Am. & alt' m'd.
affidavit 10 P.M.

V.T. Adm. 4.94
MASS. Adm. additional
enclines for warrants
in charge of adm'r.
R. I. Q.A.M.

CONN.

N. Y.

N. J.

DEL.

No

Exr.

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No. 68624

Act of June 27, 1890.

Mary J. Sutton
 311 Lake St. Cleveland.
 Widow Ohio,
 Joseph A. Sutton
 13 N. Y. Inf

Died at

June 15, 91

No other claim than

Fath. O-537502

Dow at 197977

Jan 18, 1894 Random Buckley

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Clk.

Numerical No.....

Attorney Filed:

Application filed: Jan 10, 1898.

M. B. Stevens & Co.

P.O. Cleveland.

Ohio

May 5, 1903 Atty's S. show marriage by record, Clemmons, or otherwise.
 N. H. As clv soldier entered into articles of agreement to separate

May 20, 98, Atty's S - prop. value income, including that derived from soldier's estate

MASS March 21/01. Date and cause of rej. in 1900
 Atty's Stevens & Co

R. I. D.D.K.

CONN Aug 12/04 To Clv. with one rej. that Plaintiff does not

N. H. think it possible for her to furnish evidence sufficient to warrant placing

N. J. her name on rolls. E. J. W.

DEPTOR 17/04. To Clv. Sales vis. Clv. not on file. E. J. W.

May 21/07. Don Paul Howland acts as to S.C. rej. Why no change action cl. warranted what test could cause judgment rej. Dep. S.C.P.

NOV 4 1909 From Paul Howland as per copy. J.H.

This form of fee contract is prescribed by the Commissioner of Pensions and approved by the Secretary of the Interior
July 8, 1884, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 4, 1884.

TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COST TO CLAIMANT.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Whereas I, William R. Sutton, Father of Joseph A. Sutton
in Company G, of the 13th Regiment of New York Infantry Volunteers,
late a Private of the Rebels, having made application for pension under the laws of the United States.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of services done and to be done in the premises, I hereby agree to allow my agent Perry Trivin Attorney of the Village of Bethel Michigan the fee of Ten DOLLARS, which shall include all amounts to be paid for any services in the furtherance of said claim; and said fee shall not be demanded by, or payable to my said agent, in whole or in part, except in case of the granting of my pension by the Commissioner of Pensions; and then the same shall be paid to him in accordance with the provisions of sections 4768 and 4769 of the Revised Statutes, U. S.

Geo H Sutton
Wm H Sutton
(Two Witnesses Signatures.)

William R. Sutton
(Signature of Claimant.)

Eagle Clinton County Michigan
(Post-office Address.)

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

Be it known that on this, the 30th day of April A. D. 1892 personally appeared William R. Sutton the above named, who, after having had read over to him in the hearing and presence of the two attesting witnesses the contents of the foregoing articles of agreement, voluntarily signed and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

[L. S.]

Robert W. Davis
(Official Signature.)

Notary Public

Agent's Acceptance.

And now, to wit, this 2nd day of May, A. D. 1892 accept the provisions contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above-named the sum of Ten dollars and no more, dollars being for fee, and the sum of dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

Perry Trivin Attorney
(Signature of Agent.)

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:
Personally came Perry Trivin, whom I know to be the person he represents to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this

2 day of May 1892

Walter St. Davis
(Official Signature.)

Commissioner's Approval.

APPROVED FOR

DOLLARS and payable to

the recognized attorney

Commissioner of Pensions.

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G. H. Sutton
Wm. R. Sutton

(Two Witnesses Signatures.)

William R. Sutton

(Signature of Claimant.)

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[L. S.]

Robert W. Davis

(Official Signature.)

Perry Public

Agent's Acceptance.

And now, to wit, this Second day of May, A. D. 1892 accept the provisions contained in the foregoing articles of agreement, and will to the best of my ability, endeavor faithfully to represent the interest of the claimant in the premises. I hereby certify that I have received from the claimant above-named the sum of 75 dollars and no more, 75 dollars being for fee, and the sum of 0 dollars being for postage and other expenses. And that these agreements have been executed in duplicate without additional cost to the claimant, as required by law, in excess of the fee above-named, the said agent making no charge therefor.

Witness my hand the year and day above written.

Perry Trivis Attorney
(Signature of Agent.)

State of Michigan, County of Eaton, ss:

Personally came Perry Trivis, whom I know to be the person he represents himself to be, and who, having signed above acceptance of agreement, acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal this 2 day of May, 1892.

Walter F. Davis
(Official Signature.)

[L. S.]

Commissioner's Approval.

APPROVED FOR DOLLARS and payable to of

the recognized attorney

Commissioner of Pensions.

Index Sheet, Claim No. Wdwd - # 668,624

Joseph A. Sutton

Service, Co. "G" 13. N.Y. Inf.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
1.	Mary J. Sutton No 381, Lake St. Cleveland, O.	Jan 10. 98.	Widow - Act. June 1890. Declaration
2.	"	Ap 25. 98	No agreement of separation she refused to live with him. Lived habitation He went home in Mich. Does not remember of article separation being drawn No divorce - Married in 1868, there is no record. Rev. Wright & wife & son present, at Byron, Mich.
3	"	June 4. 98	Neither married prior. He left no estate, no insurance, Has no property, no income. Except earning day labor. No one bound He did not dispose of any property
4	Clara H. Butler * 398 St Clair St. Alice Barnes * 61 Broad St. Cleveland, O.	June 1. 98	Acquaint 7. 8. yrs. Works for living No means but earning & it cook. No income. No one bound
5.	Prob. Records Cuyahoga Co. O.	June 4. 98	Not remarried
6	George H. Sutton Malliken, Mich	March 4. 98	Soldier's brother. Was killed, thrown from Water tank. June 15. 1891. He was married prior. The boy CL to our house as wife & so recognized No question about their marriage 30 yrs ago. No divorce. He said they had a paper to separate, drawn by a lawyer in Sandy Creek. July 13 yrs ago but no divorce. No other service. Considered her the lawful widow - the only true wife

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
7.	Jacob Mantle Amanda E. Mantle	May 16. 98	Acquaint from 1874, 5, since then the parties cohabited several years
	Stude Creek, Ky		until they separated. All they knew about it, is she left him &
			took the two children. He remained a year & left. No divorce heard of.
8	Mrs Lottie Broad	March 4. 98	There recognized a husband & wife Acquaint with ch. from 1859
	Paintsville, K.		Maiden name Servenit.
			Known of their marriage 30 yrs ago, she not prior, no divorce;
			They did not live together some years prior to his death.
			Was intimate acquaintance
			She not remarried

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

ACT OF JUNE 27TH, 1890.

This paper may be executed before a Notary Public, a Justice of the Peace, or any other officer authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes. The Certificate of the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Court need NOT be attached hereto; but will be procured, if at all, when called for by the Commissioner of Pensions.

State of Ohio, County of Cuyahoga, ss.

On the date hereinafter mentioned, personally appeared before me, a Mary J. Sutton, aged 45 years, a resident within and for the County and State aforesaid,

of the city of Cleveland, Name of Applicant Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, who, being duly sworn

according to law, declares that she is the widow of Joseph A. Sutton, who enlisted under the name of

Joseph A. Sutton, at Hannibal, N.Y., on the 8 day of

October, A.D. 1864, in Co. G, 13th Regt. N.Y. Inf., and served at least

seventy days in the late war of the Rebellion, who was HONORABLY DISCHARGED May 14, 1863 and died

June 15/91. State date of death. The cause of death need not be stated.

That she was married under the name of Mary J. Bennett, to said Joseph A. Sutton, Name before marriage Rev. Mr. Wright, Name of deceased Soldier or Sailor.

on the 1868 day of Rey, at Byron, Mich., there being no legal barrier to such marriage. mother of three living If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband

but previously married
state it here and how dissolved. If there was no former marriage of either, so state

That she has not remarried since the death of the said Joseph A. Sutton. That she is without

sufficient means of support other than her daily labor. That the names and dates of birth of all the children now living under sixteen years of age of the soldier (or sailor) are as follows:

Name born 18,
Name born 18,
Name born 18.

Attest, no prior application for pension has been filed. by herself. The soldier
was pensioned at 12. per month. Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly; if a prior application has been filed, so state, giving the number of the claim, and stating by whom filed.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. She hereby appoints, with power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & CO, Cleveland, Ohio,

successors or legal representatives, her true and lawful attorneys to prosecute her claim and receive a pension of Ten Dollars. That her post office address is 311 Lake St. Cleveland.

County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, Office of Notary Public, dated JAN 10 S 1898.

J. A. Bonnahardt Mary J. Sutton
A. G. Batchelor Signature of Claimant

Two witnesses who can write, sign here

NOTARY PUBLIC

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FROM OTHER SIDE.

Also personally appeared Mr. W. Webb residing at Cleveland, Ohio,
and Fred. Clements, residing at Cleveland, Ohio, persons whom

I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw
Mary J. Sutton, the claimant, sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that
they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and an acquaintance with her of three years and three years, respectively, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Wm W. Webb

Fred Clements

Signature of Witnesses.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of January A. D. 1898; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words

erased, and the words added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

John A. Bonnhardt

Official Signature.

Notary Public

Official Character.

[L. S.]

The Act of June 27, 1890, requires in widow's case:

i. That the soldier served at least NINETY DAYS in the war of the Rebellion and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

ii. Proof of soldier's death (death cause need not have been due to Army service).

iii. That widow "is without other means of support than her daily labor."

iv. That widow was married to soldier prior to June 27, 1890, date of the Act.

v. That all pensions under this Act commence from date of receipt of application in Pension Bureau.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.
Act of June 27th, 1890.
Claimant Mary J. Sutton
Soldier John A. Sutton
Date of Birth 13 Nov 1861
Address 31 Lake St.
Cleveland, Ohio

FILED BY
MILLO B. STEVENS & CO.,
SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Eastern Division.

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MS. No. 624

BRIEF FOR REOPENING.

Claimant Mary J. Sutton
P. O. 62 Madison Street
County Cleveland
State Ohio

Soldier Joseph A. Sutton
Rank Private
Company G
Regiment 13 N.Y. Vol Inf

Attorney None

P. O.

Claim under act of June 27th 1890 filed January 10th 1898 rejected February 18th 1899
on the ground that the claimant's conduct since the death of the soldier and
the passage of the day of August 7th 1892 has been such as to
forfeit your title to pension as his widow.

Evidence indicated below, filed since above rejection, is not deemed sufficient to warrant reopening of claim
for the reason that it does not outweigh the positive
(If not sufficient give reasons here)
statement of the claimant, to a Special Examiner of this
Bureau, showing her relations with one Frank Knowles

Nov 3, 1909 Jos. Sader

Examiner.

Nov 3, 1909 Wm. Meier

Chief of Division.

The evidence does warrant.

Respectfully referred to the Medical Referee for an opinion as to whether the evidence indicated below, considered in connection with that previously filed, warrants reopening.

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Examiner.

Medical Examiner.

Medical Reviewer.

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Chief of Division.

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Medical Referee.

EVIDENCE FILED WITH A VIEW TO REOPENING CLAIM.

Nov 3rd, 1909 Testimony of Jane Ormiston

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House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

Cleveland, Ohio, October 30, 1909.

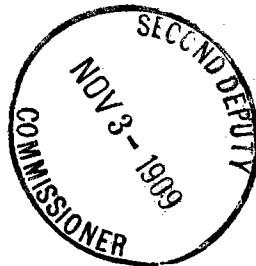
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Hon. V. Warner,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Warner:-

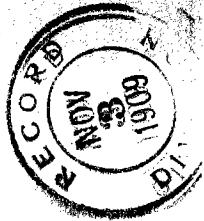
In-re. Mary N. Sutton, Widow of Joseph A. Sutton,
Co. G, 13th New York Vol. Infantry.



With reference to the above case I wish to submit
the affidavit of Mrs. Jane Demerritt.

Sometime ago I received a communication from the Department stating that the widow's claim had been rejected on the grounds that she had lived in adultery prior to the death of her soldier husband and subsequent thereto, and that with the proof the Department had, in reference to this statement was an affidavit from her own brother Charles Demerritt setting up the facts of adultery. I have been informed by responsible citizens of Painesville who knew Mr. Demerritt that he was a drunkard and of unsound mind. In order to substantiate this claim his own wife has sworn to the affidavit which I am herewith enclosing. If the Department deems it necessary, I can submit affidavits from substantial people in Painesville who have known Mrs. Sutton ever since she was a girl to the effect that she is of good character and other affidavits to

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.



Cleveland, Ohio, October 30, 1909.

the effect that Charles Demerritt had occasional fits of insanity, was an habitual drunkard, and was very spiteful and revengeful. I would not trespass upon the time of the Department in this matter, except that I feel an injustice has been done this woman, and the further fact that she is probably on her death bed, and that it would be a great solace to her now if the serious charge which has been against her could be removed. I would be glad to hear from the Department in this matter, and would be pleased to have your advice as to the proper method of procedure.

Very respectfully,

Paul Howland



(3-459.)

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINER U. S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS

At Cleveland, Ohio

Dec 24, 1898.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXAMINATION.

Case of Mary J. Button No. 668624

To Mary J. Button, Claimant:

You are hereby notified that, by order of the Commissioner of Pensions, the undersigned will, on the 24th day of Dec, A. D. 1898, and continuing thereafter as long as may be necessary, at Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, and elsewhere if necessary, conduct a special examination of the aforesaid pension claim, at which time and place all material witnesses will be heard.

And you are further notified that you have the privilege of being present, in person or by attorney, during said special examination, and of cross-examining said witnesses and of introducing any material evidence on your own behalf, if you so desire.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

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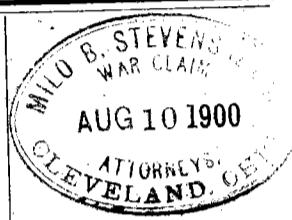
I acknowledge service of copy of above notice this 24th day of Dec, 1898,
and desire the examination to begin on the day specified

Mary J. Button

No. 17.

COMPLETED CASE.

OFFICE OF
Milo B. Stevens & Co.
SOLICITORS OF
Claims and Patents.



Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:—

We beg to remark that evidence to complete this case was filed

Referred for Special Examination July 13/98
Early action is earnestly requested.

Very respectfully,

Milo B. Stevens & Co.
ATTORNEYS, ETC.

*Case of Mary J. widow
of Joseph Button*

Late Co. "G" 13 Reg't.
P. J. Drif. Vol.
for Pension Act 6/27/90
No. 668,624

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

Milo B. Stevens & Co.,

ATTORNEYS

TO THE

Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 668,624

Mary J. Button

(Name of Claimant.)

Joseph A. Button

(Name of Soldier.)

Co. B, 13th N. Y. Inf.

(Service of Soldier.)

Widow's Claim, Act June 27, 1900

INFORMATION DESIRED.

(Make answer, please, to the office of the firm from which this appears to have been received.)

Special examination ordered July 13, 1900.
Accrued pension allowing to claimant in arrears \$900.

*What is the present status of this claim.
Early action is respectfully requested.*

Milo B. Stevens & Co.

1-24-1900 10M.

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Mr. Pitt
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Spc: Chesterfield
Original Roll: Organized
Agency: Transferred to C.M.C. 1861, to Buffalo

Issued March 3rd, 1883
Mailed March 11th, 1883
Rate and Period, \$6, from May 1st, 1883
Paid March 11th, 1883

Accrued Pensions

Accrued - Pension Certificate and
Order issued May 21-1922
Dedication Memorandum

Entered
1969 21 May

INDORSEMENTS

Rate and Period, \$ 12 , from Dec 10

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CLAIMANT'S STATEMENT.

DEPOSITION I

Case of Mary J. Sittner, No. 537542

On this 24th day of Fee, 1898,
 at Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga,
 State of Ohio, before me, Josephine Hall, a

Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Mary J. Sittner, the applicant in the aforesaid pension claim, who says:

Q. If it should become necessary to further examine your claim, by taking testimony of witnesses elsewhere, do you desire to be present in person or be represented by an attorney, or both, at such further examination? If so, you will be notified as to the place and time when it is to be made.

A. No I waive notice

Q. Should you change your mind and desire to be present, or be represented by an attorney during any further examination of your case, will you *at once* address a letter to the "Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C." giving the name and the number of your claim, informing him that you have so changed your mind, and desire to be notified when your claim is to be further examined?

A. Yes

Q. State the names of the person or persons instrumental in the prosecution of your claim for pension, and their post-office addresses.

A.

Wm B Stevens & Co
Cleveland O

Q. State what contract or contracts you have made with such person or persons for their services in prosecuting your claim for pension, and whether such contract or contracts were written or verbal.

A.

I made no contract

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Q. State the amount of fees paid by you or at your instance, to whom paid, and all the circumstances connected with the transaction.

A.

I paid no fees

Q. Please give me the names of all witnesses that you desire examined elsewhere, with their post-office addresses, and also state what you expect to prove by each witness.

A.

Seth Nichols in the P.O. at Fairhaven
Who has my marriage cert and knows
all about me. He can tell of others
You Nichols were related to the Sitters

Q. Have you any complaint to make as to the conduct, manner, or fairness of the examination of your claim?
If so, please state specifically what it is.

A.

NO

Q. Do you desire to introduce any more testimony before me?

A.

NO

Mary J. Sitter

Deponent.

24th day of June, 1898

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF New York

COUNTY OF Oneida } SS.

In the matter of the claim for

Joseph A. Sutton lesly 13 of U.S. Inf. Col.

(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the

County and State aforesaid Jacob Mantle and his wife Amanda E. Mantle
 P.O. address Sandy Creek, N.Y.

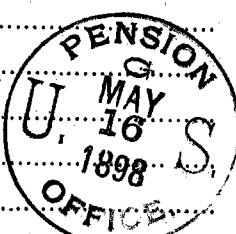
(Here write the Name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address)

persons of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

Our acquaintance with Joseph A. Sutton, his wife Mary J. Sutton, commenced about the year 1874 or 1875 - we cannot give the exact time - when said parties came to this town, where they lived together as husband & wife for several years, until they separated - We don't pretend to know the details leading up to their separation, all we know is that the said Mary J. Sutton left the said Joseph A. Sutton, and that she took their two children with her. Sutton remained here perhaps a year or so, and then he too went away. We never heard that the said parties were divorced - and while they lived together in this town, we know that it was the general belief of the community that they were husband & wife and they were recognized as such. Further than this we are unable to state. We make the above statement from personal knowledge & recollection. We further declare that we have no interest in this case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Jacob Mantle

Amanda E. Mantle



.....further declare that.....no interest in said claim, and.....not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

I
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant or of
each Affiant.

2
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Norman Breckley
Justice of the Peace

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this.....10th day of.....May.....1898.
at.....*Samuel C. Clark*, in the County of.....*Ashtabula*, State of.....
.....and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

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.....erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added : that the affiant.....to me well known and.....apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and
(Is or are.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.....

[L. S.]

Norman Breckley
(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

Justice of the Peace
(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

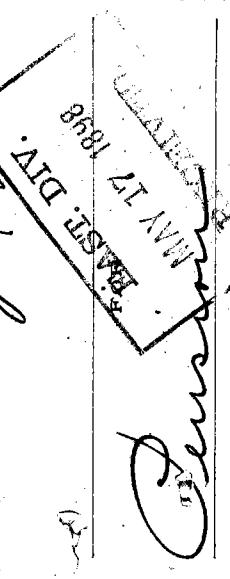
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1-26-98-10M.

CASE OF
No. 668624

Wm. J. Williams of
Joseph A. Sutton
Co. of 13 "N. W. 1st St."



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assigned from 1875
then separated.

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SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Certificate of Property Assessments.

State of Ohio, County of Cuyahoga, ss:

IN THE pension claim of

Mary J. Sutton widow of
Joseph A. Sutton, Esq'y 13 Regt. N.Y. Vol. Inf.

I, A. E. Atkins

Name of Officer

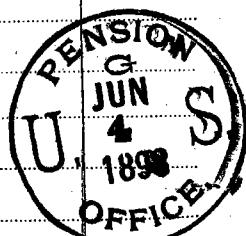
Auditor

Official Designation

of the County of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio.

do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the Records of Assessments of real and personal property in and for said County, and of which I am the lawful custodian, and find the assessments and valuations therein recorded against property standing in the name of Mary J. Sutton or Joseph A. Sutton for the years hereafter designated, to be as follows, to wit:

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Ohio }
County of Cuyahoga } ss.

In the matter of the claim for

(Character of claim.)

Joseph A. Sutton, Esq., 13 N.Y. Inf. Vol.

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the

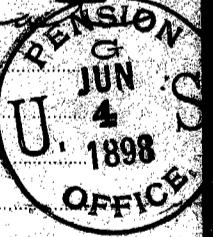
County and State aforesaid.

(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

Neither the late Joseph A. Sutton nor I was ever married prior to our marriage with each other. My late husband left no estate and carried no insurance that I am aware of - he made his home with a brother in Michigan at the time he died. I have not since his death and do not now own any property, real or personal, no stocks, bonds, mortgages or other investments, and he and I had no income, except what I have been able to earn by my own daily labor - no person legally bound for my support, but I am dependent upon my daily labor for a support. I have not disposed of any property since my husband's death because I have had none to dispose of. I am a Cook by occupation and I earn a living in that way.

Mary J. Sutton



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further declare that no interest in said claim, and
not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

I.....
(Name of one witness to X mark)..... Signature of
Affiant or of
each Affiant.
2.....
(Name of other witness to X mark).....

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 28 day of May 1898
at Cleveland, in the County of Cuyahoga State of
Ohio and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were
fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

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erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy
(Is or are.)
of full credit, and I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution
of this claim.

John A. Bernhardt
Name of Officer before whom executed.

[L. S.]

Notary Public

State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

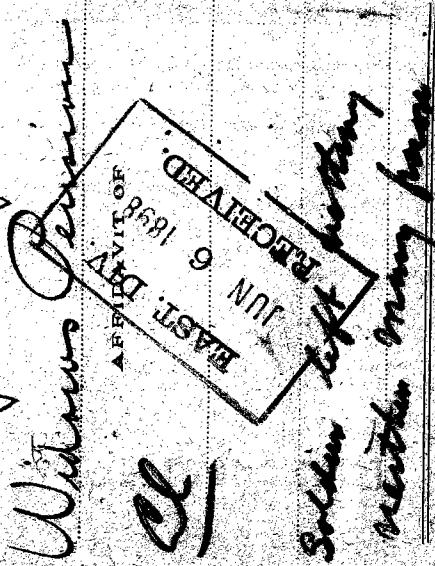
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CASE OF

Mary G. Sutton

vs.
Joseph C. Sutton
Jan'y 13 '98. J. Y. Duff.



WILLO B. STEVENS & CO.

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PENSON ATTORNEYS

Cleveland, Ohio

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Ohio }
County of Cuyahoga } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension of the widow of
Joseph A. Sutton les. by 13 N.Y. Inf. Vol.
(Character of claim)

(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

County and State aforesaid Clara M. Butler aged 27 years of 398 St. Clair St.
(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

Alice Barnes aged 33 years of 61 Bond St. Cleveland, O.
person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

We have been personally acquainted with Mary J. Sutton, the widow of Joseph A. Sutton, for a period of seven years and five years respectively.
We know that during all of this time she has worked for her living, and has had no means except such as she was able to earn by her own labor. She is a Cook by occupation and during the summer months is employed at the boats in her capacity as Cook.

She has not since we have been acquainted with her, owned any property real or personal; not stock, bonds, mortgages or other investments; and she has had no income except what she has been able to earn by her daily labor.

No person has been during this time legally bound for her support. The applicant has not remained since the death of Joseph A. Sutton. She is a worthy respectable woman.

We make these statements from personal knowledge, derived by our close personal acquaintance with her.

We further declare that we have no interest in this case and are not concerned in its prosecution.

Clara M. Butler
Alice Barnes
S. M. III
NOTARIZED

..... further declare that no interest in said claim, and
none concerned in its prosecution.

■ If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1. (Name of one witness to X mark.) Signature of Affiant or of each Affiant.

2. (Name of other witness to X mark.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 28 day of May 1898
at Cleveland, in the County of Cuyahoga State of Ohio
and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

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of this claim.

[L. S.] John A. Bonnhardt
Name of Officer before whom executed.

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CASE OF

File No 668.624

Mark J. Sutton
widow of
Joseph A. Sutton
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FOR
J. Stevens

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STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
Oswego County Clerk's Office,

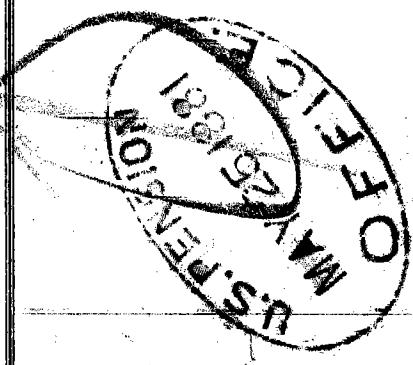
I, MERRICK STOWELL, Clerk of said County and
of the Supreme and County Courts therein, which are Courts of Record, Do CERTIFY,
that B. E. Thomas whose name is subscribed
to the JURAT of the annexed instrument, was, at the time of taking the same a
NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County, and duly qualified and
authorized to take the same. And I FURTHER CERTIFY, that I am well acquainted
with his hand writing, and verily believe the signature to said JURAT is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said
County and Courts, at the City of Oswego, this 30th day of
May 1881

Merrick Stowell CLERK.

Notary Public Oswego Co. N.Y.

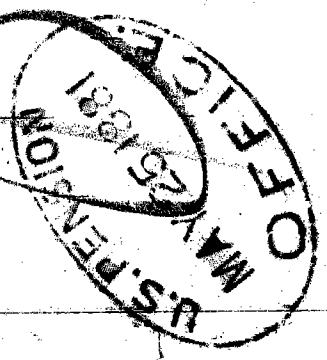
~~Joseph A. Sutton~~
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A
to a request from the Acting Commissioner of Pensions dated May 14, 1881
Subscribed and
Sworn to before
me this 19th day
of May 1881
C. E. Thomas
Notary Public Oswego Co. N.Y.

Joseph A. Sutton
Co. S. 13 N.Y. Vol.
Lieut. Second
No other &

Recd 97998



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TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Claim of Mary Jane Sutton No. 668624

Dear Patron:

We regret that the enclosed photocopies are the best we were able to obtain using our normal reproduction process. This is caused primarily by the ages and faded conditions of some of the documents from which these copies were made.

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DEPOSITION

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Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624

On this 17 day of April, ¹⁸⁸⁰ 1889, at
Sonsbury Creek, county of Orange,
State of New York, before me, E. F. Moran, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Edmund H. Sargent, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 71 years of age; my post-office address is Sonsbury
Creek, Orange Co., N.Y. Occupations
merchandise. I have been a resident of this
place all my life.

I remember Joseph A. Sutton and his
wife Mary J. Sutton. They came here some
years ago the man and wife separately
until some time in the 80's I sold
to old Joseph A. Sutton a house after 1880
and they live in this house for a time
after I sold it to them. They live together
as husband and wife as I used to
recognize by every one here. There
is no particular recollection of any letters
of separation, and I never heard of any
divorce. I cannot recall Paddy Hyde
but I do remember that the Clarendon
did not bear a post office regulation.
What she lived here I do not know
when she went when she left here but
has heard it reported that she went
to Tonawanda N.Y. I do not remember
particularly about her leaving her husband
I do not remember any thing particularly
of either after they left here.
I am not related and have no
interest. I have heard this deposition
and have understood the questions and
my answers are correctly recorded.

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April,
1905, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

E. H. Morris

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *D*

Case of Mary J. Sallot, No. 668,624

On this 17 day of April, ¹⁸⁹⁰, at
Sandy Creek, county of Oswego,
State of New York, before me, E. H. Mason, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

John H. Seore, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 42 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy Creek, Oswego, N. Y. Occupations Pensioner
in Plate Manufacture. I have been a resident
of Sandy Creek 18 years. I was formerly
acquainted with Joseph A. Sallot in his lifetime,
and I know his wife Mary J. Sallot.
I first became acquainted with them when
I moved here 18 years ago. They were then
living together as husband and wife and were
so recognized by every one. Paddy Hyde
was also living here at the same time.
and I think he boarded with said Joseph
A. Sallot. They both worked in the tannery.
The Claimant lived here about two years
after I came here. There was considerable
talk about Claimant and Paddy Hyde.
The Claimant did not have a good
reputation. It must be 16 or 17 years
since Claimant left here. The Claimant
left her husband and went away and
it was claimed she went to Somonauk
N. Y., and lived with Paddy Hyde.
I did not know that of my own knowledge
but it was current report. I never knew of
any illness of separation and never taken
of any divorce. I have never seen
the Claimant nor Paddy Hyde since
they left here 16 or 17 years ago. It is
my recollection that the Claimant and

E. H. Morris

before signing.

1960, and I certify that the contents were fully known to defendant
189, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to defendant
Givorn to and acknowledged before me this 17 day of October

Deponent.

John W. Morris

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I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct
and I declare under penalty of perjury that it is my intention
to stand by and defend the same to the best of my ability.
I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is true and correct
and I declare under penalty of perjury that it is my intention
to stand by and defend the same to the best of my ability.

DEPOSITION *B*

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668.624

On this 17 day of April, 1900, at
 Sandy Creek, county of Oswego,
 State of New York, before me, C. F. Mason, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
 Amanda E. Mantle, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 56 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy Creek
 Oswego Co., N.Y. Separation happened
 I have been a resident of Sandy Creek for
 the past 26 years, and have been the wife of
 Jacob Morris all this time. I was formerly
 acquainted with Joseph A. Sutton and his wife
 Mary J. Sutton. I live & neighbors to them here.
 They were living here when I moved into town.
 They lived here several yrs. three or four and
 perhaps longer, and then they separated, and
 she went away and took with her their two
 children. They lived together here as husband
 and wife and were so recognized and the two
 children were recognized as their children.
 The children I think were born before I knew
 the said parties. I do not know the cause of their
 separation. There was some talk about the Claimant
 and Paddy Hyde, but I do not know as this was
 the cause of the separation. I did not know of
 any letters of separation, or that they were
 divorced. I never heard of any disease.

I remember that Paddy Hyde left here shortly
 before the Claimant separated from her husband
 I don't know where he went to. Shortly after
 Paddy Hyde left here Claimant took her
 children and went away. No one knows
 whether she joined Paddy Hyde or not. I
 never heard of her or Paddy Hyde after
 they left here. Paddy Hyde boarded with the

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Claimed before she separated from her husband, and there was some talk about them but I do not know as there was any thing wrong between them.

I know that the Diamond and Joseph A. Sutton lived together here for several years and were recognized as husband and wife, and that they had two children, girls, which Diamond took away with her when she separated from her husband. She was never divorced from her husband so far as I know. I have made an affidavit in this case. I made it about two years ago. Some lawyer sent me the affidavit, writer not and I signed it. I then testified about the same as I have now. I signed the same affidavit that my husband signed. The affidavit P.D. 7, which is on there we bears my signature. After hearing the same recd I say it is correct.

I am not related and have no interest, I have heard this deposition read, have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded

Amanda E. Marthe
Deponent

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April
1900, 1889, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. F. Mason
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION *et*

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624

On this 17 day of April, 1900, at
Sandy Creek, county of Oneida,
State of New York, before me, E. S. Mason, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Jacob Mantle, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 62 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy Creek,
Oneida Co., N.Y. Occupation has been night watchman.
I have been a resident of Sandy Creek for the
past 26 years. I was formerly acquainted with
Joseph A. Sutton and his wife Mary J. They were
living here when I moved into town and
were known and recognized as husband
and wife. I did not know either of them prior
to their marriage. I don't know where they
lived prior to their coming here and know
nothing about their marriage. They lived together
here in married relations for several years
I cannot remember how many and then they
separated and she went away. They had two girls
at this time, and she took them with her. I
do not know where she went, and I never
knew anything of her after she went away.
He remained here a year or more after
the separation and then he went west. I do
not remember when it was. I do not know
the cause of their separation. I never heard
any thing about a divorce and they were
never divorced. So far as I know, Mr. & Mrs.
Mary J. Sutton did not bear the best kind
of a reputation while she lived here. There are
some talk about her in connection with
Patrick Hyde. He worked here in the
tannery while they lived here. I know nothing
between them of my own knowledge. I only

E. A. Munro

before signing

189 ¹⁹⁰ Brought to and submitted before me this 17 day of July and certify that the contents were fully made known to defendant.

Deposent.

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The first few weeks of school I was very nervous about the new environment. I had never been to a boarding school before and I was worried about fitting in. I also had some concerns about the food and whether it would be healthy enough. However, after a few days, I began to feel more comfortable and at home. The students were very friendly and welcoming, and I quickly made some good friends. I also enjoyed the academic challenges and the opportunities for extracurricular activities. Overall, my first year at the boarding school was a positive experience and I am grateful for the memories I made there.

No. 77

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Ohio } SS.

COUNTY OF Summauga

In the matter of the claim for Award pension of Mary J. Sutton,
widow of Joseph A. Sutton

(Character of Claim)

(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the
(Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

County and State aforesaid Mary J. Sutton the claimant

P.O. address 13 Payne Ave Cleveland, O.

(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Post Office address)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:
That she is unable to return the old
Pension Certificate dated April 5, 1896, for
the reason that she has no knowledge
concerning its whereabouts. Her
husband was living in Michigan
at the time of his death. She
does not know what was done
with his Pension papers.
Mary J. Sutton

U.S. BUREAU OF PENSIONS
FINANCE DIVISION
JUN 8 1900

further declare that..... no interest in said claim, and.....not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

I.....
(Name of one witness to X mark)
Signature of _____
Affiant or of _____
each Affiant. {
2.....
(Name of other witness to X mark)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... 2 day of June 1900.
at. Cleveland, in the County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio.
and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in the affidavit, enter them here)

erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here)
added: that the affiant is not to me well known but is apparently respectable, and
(Is or are) (Here state whether respectable and credible)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

John A. Bonnhardt
(Name of Officer before Whom executed)

Notary Public

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in His Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

NOTE. This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need NOT be attached; but will be procured when called for by the department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate is already officially known at the department.

1-18-99. 10M.

No.....
CASE OF

FOR
AFFIDAVIT OR

FILED BY

Milo B. Stevens & Co.,

RECORDERS OF CLAIMS AND PAYNTS,

Cleveland, Ohio,

JUL 13 1900
DIVISION

K. I.
May 6, 1907.

Hon. Paul Howland,

House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Howland:

In response to your inquiry of the second instant, received the fourth, relative to the claim for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890, Number 668,624, of Mary J. Sutton, whose address, as stated by you, is 1729 East Eighteenth Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as the widow of Joseph A. Sutton, who served in Company G, Thirteenth New York Volunteer Infantry, I have the honor to inform you that said claim was rejected May 16, 1900, on the ground that the evidence on file showed that the claimant had, since the death of the soldier, violated the Act of August 7, 1882, by living with one Frank Knowles in such a manner as to justify an assumption of adultery.

There is nothing now pending in the claimant's behalf.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

[Handwritten signature]

November 4, 1909.

Hon. Paul Howland,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Howland:

In reply to your letter of the thirtieth ultimo, received the second instant, relative to the claim for pension under the Act of June 27, 1890, Number 668624, of Mary J. Sutton, whose last-known address is 62 Morrison Street, *Cleveland*, ~~Cleveland~~, Ohio (in 1899), widow of Joseph A. Sutton, who served in Company G, Thirteenth New York Infantry, I have the honor to inform you that said claim was properly rejected in 1899, on the ground that the claimant, by her conduct and relations with one Frank Knowles after the soldier's death in 1891, had forfeited her title to pension as his widow, as provided by the Act of August 7, 1882.

The testimony of Jane Demeritt, transmitted by you, is not deemed sufficient to warrant a reopening of this claim, as it cannot be accepted to outweigh the positive statement of claimant, on file in the case, showing her relations with Frank Knowles.

Affiant Jane Demeritt testified in this case previous to the rejection of the claim, and her testimony at that time corroborated claimant's statement on file in the

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case that she (claimant) lived with one Frank Knowles as his wife after the soldier's death, and was known as Mrs. Knowles.

Further consideration of this case is not now warranted.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Cleveland Ohio

April 14, 1899.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith
the papers in my case w^m Mary J. Sutton
widow of Joseph A. Sutton Esq^r 13 th N.Y.
Val Inf and to submit my report
in the case.

Claimant's last address in this city was
42 Mission St in this city. She is now
away, but her daughter is there and
a letter addressed there will probably
reach her. She went to Mich. Larue where
to get a job as cook on some boat.
The claim was referred to the S. E. Dis.
to determine the question of legal
widowhood and was submitted by
me for rejection for violation of Act of
Aug 7, 1882. It was returned to the
S. E. Dis to complete the examination,
and I submit the testimony of
the only witness in my district
whose testimony I had not taken,
bearing on the question of legal widowhood.
I think it is probable that Claimant
is the legal widow of the late Mr.
Geo H. Sutton Mulliken Eaton Co Mich.

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Jacob Mantle Sandy Creek Oneida County
Amanda E. Mantle

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John Neabit Pulaski
John P or Patrick Hyde Chelmsford Mich
for audience as to legal whereabouts

Very respectfully

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner

U.S. Commissioner of Pensions

Washington

W.C.

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TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Claim of Mary J. Sutton.

No. 668,624.

DEPOSITION ^H

Case of Mary Jane Butler, No. 66864

On this 31st day of Jan, 1897, at Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Clara Butler, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 34 years of age; my post-office address is 428 1/2 Detroit St. I am the wife of Ed Butler. I became acquainted with the claimant about 4 or 7 years ago. She was living in Chicago at the time I think though I am not sure. She was visiting her daughter in Detroit Mich when I met her. Her oldest daughter Lillie who was then married I did not meet her again till I came here three years ago. She had been living in Cleveland. I knew her daughter Lillie and used to hear about her through her daughter. I have never heard of her as being married. I never knew her to go by any other name than Sister. I never knew her as Mrs Knobles or Mrs Hyde. I lived in her house nearly a year when I first came here. I worked for her and my husband boarder there. That was before my marriage. She was known then as Mrs Butler so far as I know she is a hard working honest woman. I never knew or heard anything against her character. She has never lived with any man as his wife twice

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I never knew a man named
Frank Graviles.
I am not related and have no
interest in the case. Her daughter
Lillie married Mr. F. L. Cawein. That
is how we became acquainted.
My answers have been correctly
recorded.

Clara Butter

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June,
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 648424

On this 28th day of Jan, 1894, at
Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Alice Barnes, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 37 years of age; my post-office address is 61 Broad
St Cleveland Ohio. I am the wife
 of Edward Barnes.

I am acquainted with the claimant
 I have known her about five or six
 years - somewhere along there.

I know of her before that she worked
 for a Mrs Ennis and Mrs Ennis
 always called her Mrs Knobles but
 I have always known her as Mrs Sutton
 She worked for me last spring.

She never told me why she had
 formerly gone by the name of
 Knobles. There was a man who
 used to call on her pretty regularly
 when she worked for me but I do
 not think she has ever been married
 since I have known her. His name
 was Ellison. She has never lived
 with any man as his wife
 since I have known her.

She had no property that I
 know of though she said she
 expected some from her husband
 I do not know anything against
 her character though her reputation
 is not the best.

She works for her living and
 has no other source of income.

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that I know of, I did not know her prior to the inauguration of President Cleveland. I am not related and have no interest in the case.

My answers have been correctly recorded

Mrs. & Barns.

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of June, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION F

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 648424

On this 19th day of January, 1899, at Painesville, county of Lake State of Ohio, before me, Josephine Hall, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Lydia J. Dennisett, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 61 years of age; my post-office address is as above I am the wife of Charles D. Merritt claimant's brother. I knew her from the time she was 10 years of age but I came here in 1864. I moved from where she was in 1861 and I did not see her till she came here in 1881 I heard of her marriage to soldier and never had reason to doubt it. She came here with her two children in 1881 June 1881 she said she had separated from her husband but could not get a divorce from him as she could not prove adultery. In Sept 1881 John P. Hyde came here and she claimed him as her husband. She had one child born about 2 weeks after he got here and she said this was his child and that she had care of him before they came here. In Feb 1882 she went back to her husband in Seneca Creek and in about 6 weeks Hyde followed her. They got soldiers pension money as I understand and went to Tonawanda N.Y. where Hyde opened a saloon. They went to Chippewa Neck from there I cannot tell when but in 1887 she left there and left Hyde and came back here she went by the name of Hyde then and kept that name till she pretended to marry Frank

Knowles she went off to Youngstown
and around and came back to Cleveland
and announced that they were married.
She had three children by Hyde Courtney,
the one that was born before they came
here and she said that was Hercules.
She had no children by Knowles, but
she lived with him till 1843.

I believe she is the legal widow of Sutton
He wrote to us after she left him and
and took that pension money and
he told us how she left and that
he would do anything for her if
she wanted only live with him.
So far as I know she has lived with
no man as his wife since 1843.

I see her about once a year and
her daughters come to see us to me
keep track of her. She has kept boarders
& gone out washing and went on
a bout one summer.
She has always been a very liberal
working woman.

I have no interest in the case, and I
have no malice I have felt sorry for her
because she was without a mother when
she needed one most and we have
tried to get her to live a straight life
but she would not.

My answers have been correctly recorded

Lydia J DeMolitt

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Jan.,
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION ^C

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 648424

On this 19th day of Jan., 1899, at
 Pennsville, county of Franklin,
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
 Charles O. Merritt, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 61 years of age; my post-office address is as above
 Occupation laborer.
 Clarmont is my sister. I left the state
 of New York I left Pennsville in 1842,
 and I never have the soldiers that I know
 of I came here in 1844 then I went to
 Mich after the war closed and was
 gone 7 years. Then I came back.
 I know by common report that Clarmont
 & Joseph Sutton were man & wife. He wrote
 me letters acknowledging her as his wife
 that is he wrote of her as such and
 she always spoke of him as her husband
 but I do not know when they were married.
 I never saw any of his people. I did not
 see Clarmont till she came here about
 17 years after her marriage. She brought her
 two children with her. She said she
 had separated from her husband
 but I never heard of her getting
 a divorce from him or that he got
 one from her. If she had got a
 divorce while here I would have
 known it. I do not remember how
 long she was here. She stopped a
 short time at first and then
 went to Mich. I do not remember
 how long she was gone.
 Then she came back and was

here several years. She was never married but once that I know of. She has lived with two different men.

She lived with a man named Hale while here who followed her. She was here but a short time and then went back to her husband and there she left again and got with Hale and they went to Mich. He was in Mich Chelyan Mich the last I heard of him. She lived with Tommie Knobles more or less for the period of five or six years.

She has lived with no one since about 1893. My wife can tell you more about it than I can. I have no interest in the case. I have heard soldier was a fine man and a good worker.

I know nothing about him.

My answers have been correctly recorded.

Charles O. Demeritt

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of Jan., 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

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of some time to return home
the following day. After a long
and fatiguing journey we reached
the village of Chitwan at 3 P.M.
After a short rest we started
again at 6 A.M. and reached
the town of Nepalganj at 10 A.M.
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and Soldier died in June 1891.

Mrs Lottie Sweet B. J. & is a sister of Mrs Merritt who told me that she knew claimant in her earlier career but only came to Parisville 3 years ago so I did not think it necessary to see her. I searched the records of this city for evidence of divorce but found none. I found several parties here who knew claimant as Mrs Knawles but they were about the same character as herself and refused to testify. After taking the testimony I sent for claimant to come to the office to get her away from her children before confronting her with the testimony against her, but she brought her oldest daughter with her. She claimed that she could prove by her youngest daughter who was with her all the time that she had not lived with either H. J. or Knawles as his wife but her daughter said "No you can't for she said she would have nothing to do with it. I said I would take her testimony but she did not bring her to the office but came

a few days later and made
another statement "withdrawing
her claim.

Her own admissions are in
my opinion sufficient to warrant
rejection of her claim for violation
of Act of Aug 7, 1882 and taken
in connection with the evidence
of others, they certainly are.
I recommend rejection

Very respectfully
Joseph Hall
Special Examiner

Asst Commissioner of Pensions

Washington

W C.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624.

On this 30 day of September, 1899, at
Eaginaw, county of Eaginaw
State of Mich., before me, J. C. O'Connell, a
special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Alfred D. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 43 years of age; my post-office address is Dice,
Eaginaw Co. Mich., lumber mill busi-
ness. I am the brother of Joseph
Sutton who was in the 13th Inf'y Vol.
I think in C. G.

Q. Where did your brother, Joseph A. Sutton,
live after his return from the service?
A. He first came back to Ottawan Co. Mich..
My parents were living there at that time.
My father's name was William R. Sutton.
He died in Gratiot Co. Mich. so, he never
lived in Cheboygan Co. Mich.

Q. Was your brother ever at Canandaigua
Lake, N.Y.?

A. I almost think he was.

Q. Was he a musician?

A. No sir, he could play no music at all.

A. No, he never played any music to dance with
so you know whether he was ever at a
place called Blood's Corners N.Y.?

A. Yes, he was there, that was after the war.

Q. Only know that from what he told me
Was he at Loon Lake, N.Y.?

A. Yes sir that's where we lived when
he came from the army.

Q. Did Joseph ever live with you after the
war?

A. Yes, about seven years, the last seven years
before he died, at Pace, Clinton Co. Mich.

Page 4 Deposition At a part of time lived in
Livingston Co. Mich.

He died, the date I cannot tell now,
It is as much as eight years ago. It was
caused by an accidental fall from a
wagon. And died in about half an hour.

He fell on his head and shoulders.
I was in the wagon with him at the
time he fell.

Q Did he ever live at Sandy Creek City?

A Yes Sir, that's where I lived with
him. that was, that was seven years before
he died. Came from there to Mich. with me.

Q Did you ever know him to live in
Painesville, Ohio?

A I don't think he did.

Q Was he married?

A He married Mary Demerill.

Q Now do you know he married this girl?

A I saw his married Certificate.

Q When did you see his marriage Certificate?

A That was when I was a small boy.

He married after he came from the army.

Q Don't know the date. They were
married by a Justice. I don't know
his name, at Byron, Mich. but I would
not swear to that.

Q How many times was he married?

A Once but once.

Q Where did he live after they were married?

A They were married on their way from city
and lived at Conway, Livingston Co. Mich.
and lived with my folks all winter for
about six months. They lived in Mich. about

Alfred D. Dutcher

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ (over)
189_____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Case of *Diamond & Diamond*, No. 668,624

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was not his said she said if there was a drop of Sutton blood in it she would cut it out with a knife. She was then living in Tonawanda with Paddy Hyde. He was the head of the house. She had little children there with her I could not say whose children they were, my brother said they were not his children. My supposition was that herself and Paddy had mutual intercourse. I think Paddy Hyde and herself separated at Cheboygan before my brother died. Those two girls came to our place - her girls. They said their brother was up at Cheboygan, with Paddy Hyde. I think these girls are now in Cleveland Ohio. I don't know where Paddy Hyde is now. I met him there at Tonawanda.

O Did you ever hear that she and Frank Knowles kept a photograph gallery?
A No Sir, I don't remember this.
Q Where was May J Sutton living when your brother died and what was her means of livelihood?
A I could not tell you. My brother George last fall or winter received a communication from her about her pension. The last I heard of George he was at Greenfield Mich. That was last spring. I saw him. Was working on a farm. I don't know the man for whom he worked. Lived a mile and a half north of Greenfield, Mich.

Alfred S. Sutter

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of
189..., and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Mary J. Sutton

Case of *Mary J. Sutton*, No. 668,624.

On this 1 day of October, 1899, at

State of Massachusetts, before me, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

John C. O'Connell, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 75 years of age; my post-office address is

Q. Has she married or lived with anybody since your brother Joseph's death?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Have you heard that she has been living with anybody as his wife since your brother Joseph's death?

A. No, I have never heard anybody say was she married before she married your brother?

A. I don't think she was.

No Sir. I never saw her before she married my brother.

Q. Did your brother, Joseph, marry or cohabit with any woman after the separation or while he lived with you before he died?

A. Not to my knowledge. I know he never married anybody. The time of separation between ~~them~~ set aside all claims by mutual agreement as husband and wife just as if they were never married. I don't know the lawyer who drew up the paper.

A. He lived in Sandy Creek, my brother did, seven years. He brought his house and lot of \$12,000 worth there. He can tell all about him. I have no intent.

I understand your questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

A. Alfred D. Cutters power to and subscribed before me this 30 of September, 1899, and certify that the contents were fully made known to defendant before signing.

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Michigan

County of Clinton

, SS.

In the matter of the application for pension of William P. Sutton Father of Joseph

A. Sultan Co. 913th Regt. New York Infantry vol. Calais No 537502

ON THIS 15th day of October

A. D. 1892; personally appeared before me, a

Notary Public

in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths

Alfred D. Sutton

aged 36 years, a resident of Lafayette Township,

in the County of Gratiot

and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Bathbone Gratiot County Michigan and

aged years, a resident of

in the County of and State of

whose Post Office address is

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

case as follows: That have been well and personally acquainted with Joseph A. Sutton

for 30 years, and years respectively, and that said Joseph A. Sutton had

A gunshot wound in his right thigh near the hip that crippled him in a very severe manner so much so that it affected his whole nervous system and also the left leg and he was so much crippled from said gunshot wound that he had to use two canes and many times walks with

crutches and also many times he would appear to have but little use of his legs and would fall down and have to be carried into the house same one, on the 15th day of June 1891 the time of

his death I was in the wagon with him he was sitting on the seat of the wagon driving the horses, I noticed that he was in a very nervous condition and he drove the team so that the wheels of the wagon struck a stone in the highway about five or six inches high and having in a very nervous condition and having but little use of his legs by reason of said wounded and crippled condition he fell out of the wagon causing his death had he of been free from his wounded crippled nervous condition in my opinion he would not of fell out of the wagon for the reason that he had a better chance of keeping in the wagon than I did, for the reason that he was sitting on the seat of the wagon and I was standing up in the wagon just behind him and I did not come any way near falling out and I do not believe that the falling out of the wagon as he did would of been likely to caused his death if he had of been free from said wounded crippled nervous condition for reason that he was nearly helpless and unable to help himself and had he of been free from said condition he would not of been likely to of drove at the or of fall out of the wagon the said accident happened within

Instructions—read carefully.

The witnesses must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that period they have employed, worked with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.

2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor than is paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.

thirty rods of his place of residence in the Township of Eagle in the County of Clinton and state of Michigan said soldier was subject to said Prostrate nervous spells by reason of said wound, and when the nervous spell was slate he was a careful driver after the fall he was cautious to the last and he sayed at this time it was no more than he expected in his condition but he sayed his Pension was so small that he had to do more than he was able to get a living for himself and his father

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution but am a Relative

Alfred D. Sutton

[If Affiants sign by mark, two witnesses who can write sign here.]

[Signature of Affiants.]

NOTE.—The witnesses if not themselves equal to the task of drawing the affidavits, should go to some Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or other officer or competent person, and have the blank filled out and properly executed.

STATE OF *Michigan*, COUNTY OF *Clinton*, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above-named affiant, and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, including the words *house* erased, and the words *house* added and acquainted *him* with its contents before he executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant is personally known to me and that *he is a* credible person.

Walter St Davis

[Official Signature.]

[L. S.]

Notary Public

[Official Character.]

I, Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County and State, do certify that *Walter St Davis*, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this *day of* *18* *.....*

[L. S.]

Clerk of the

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

Act of June 27, 1890.

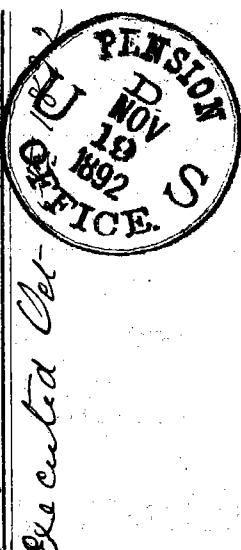
AFFIDAVIT OF

*Alfred D. Sutton
M. B. Baker, Grand Co. Mich.*

Nature of claim *Alfred D. Sutton*

*Regt.
Co. B. Thirteenth
New York Infantry*

*Vols.
No. of Claim 537502*



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J. H. Green

Pension Attorney

Michigan, Michigan

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

**NEIGHBORS AT
Supplementary Evidence.**

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss.

In the matter of the application for pension of William P. Sultan Father of Joseph
A. Sultan Private Co #13th Regt N.Y. Infantry male Claim No 53752

ON THIS 14th day of November A. D. 1892; personally appeared before me, a
Notary Public
George H. Nathan aged 71 years, a resident of Darby in Eaton
in the County of Eaton and State of Michigan
whose Post Office address is Grand Ledge Eaton County State of Michigan and
aged years, a resident of
in the County of and State of
whose Post Office address is

well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid case as follows: That H. have been well and personally acquainted with Joseph A. Sinton for 36 years, and _____ years respectively, and that briar to said Golding

Instructions—read carefully.
Witnesses must state:
Their respective and occupation; the time they have known the soldier, and long during that period they have employed, worked with or for him, lived in the same neighborhood with him and how to him.
If they have employed him, they should state where it was and at what business; they know him as laborers only they should about what distance he lives; how often they see him converse with him, how intimate they are him, and from what cause or disability he is living with at present, whether at any time obliged to stop work on account of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses been his employers, we worked with him for him, they should about what proportion of a sound able-bodied man's work he is to do—whether $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, or $\frac{1}{2}$ of the case be; what his actual earnings are, and whether the wages paid him less in amount, and much less on account of inability to labor as paid to others physically.

In his service in the State of New York he was a healthy robust stout young man and free from any disability and that said soldier served in the army of the United States until he was discharged about the 14th of May 1863 when he returned in a wounded condition in the right thigh which appeared to affect the use of both legs to a great degree and removed to Michigan in 1864 his wound in his right thigh since his discharge has been growing worse it afford to affect his whole nervous system and at times as he grew older he became subject to nervous prostration so much so during the last two or three years that he had spells that he would fall down and be unable to stand alone or help himself and quite a number of times in this condition I have had to carry him as easy back to the house and take care of him until he came out of these sinking spells said

Soldier was poor and his pension was small and had
to provide for his father William R. Sultan for the last
Eight years and he used to do all the labor he could with
his horse to make a living with his pension to get a
living for himself and his Father and ^{why} these nervous spells
came on he was prostrated and could do nothing I know
the foregoing facts and circumstances by reason of being
near him and being with him a great deal of the time
I was present when a post examiner ^{had} a meeting with

RECEIVED
for the matter of
claim for pension
made by
Joseph A. Sutton

No. 97-998

C. Co. 13 N.Y. Vol.

State of New York
County of Orange ss -

Joseph A. Sutton,

being sworn says he is the person or
of that name formerly a private in
"G" Co. 13th N.Y. Vol. who now has a
claim pending in the office of the
Pension Department at Washington
D.C. for a pension, and that his
present post-office address is at
Sandy Brook Orange County State
of New York -

Further deponent says he has not been
in the military service of the regular
army of the United States at any time
except as a private in Company G. of
the 13th New York Volunteers, ~~postulated~~
in his application, from which service
he was discharged on or about May
14, 1863 - and that since such discharge
he has not in any way been in the
service of the United States -

- This affiant is furnished a reply

See page, 10, Special Examiner Hatfield's report.

Observe the testimony of John P. Hyde, alias Paddy Hyde - He swears that she "took in washing any where" - took lots of washing for him and lived with him at Painsville, Ohio, Towanawanda, N.Y. and at Cheboygan, Mich. that he advertised her in the papers at Cheboygan not to let her have any thing in his name for she went there under the name of Mrs. Hyde. The witness states that at one time the soldier ^{sold her} a barrel of flour to his brother, Jim.

It appears that this claimant engaged considerably in the business of - "taking in washing" and by that means several children were born to her without the bonds of wedlock.

There is no question in my mind that the claimant was the legal wife of the soldier, but I am of the opinion that she is amenable to the provisions of the Act of Aug. 7, 1882.

I am of opinion this claim has no merit.

Further examination is recommended as to legal widowhood and for the testimony of the lawyer who drew up the articles of separation at Sandy Creek, Oswego Co. N.Y., also for the testimony of Edward Sergent, Jacob Mantle and Amanda E. Mantle of the same place. (See B.J. p. 7)

Very respectfully,

J. CO'Connell,
Special Examiner.

No.668,624.

Mary J.Sutton,widow of
Joseph A.Sutton,Co.G,13,N.Y.Vol.Inf.

Basis of examination-legal widowhood,-marriage and divorce
of claimant and soldier.

P.O.Address, No.62, Harrison St.Cleveland,

Cuyahoga Co.Ohio.

Saginaw,Mich.

Oct.11,1899.

Hon.Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I have the honor to return with report the papers in the above cited claim, referred to this district for the testimony of witnesses as to legal widowhood, marriage or divorce of the soldier and the claimant, which will be found herewith.

The deponent, Alfred D.Sutton, is the brother of the soldier with whom he lived the last seven years of his life. This witness corroborates the statement of the claimant as to the time and place of the marriage of the claimant to the soldier, namely, at Byron, Mich.on the way from N.Y. to his people in Mich. Witness saw their marriage certificate. The witness also saw the paper containing the articles of separation drawn up at Sandy Creek, N.Y. between the soldier and the claimant, and the paper in his possession during two or three years after the soldier's death. According to this written agreement the soldier was to pay her a cash amount, which he did, and all obligations as husband and wife were cancelled.

Contrast this statement with that of the claimant, (See page ,8,Special Examiner' Hall's report No.1)
"We had no written agreement about a separation. I never signed any paper with him except, when I was going to leave him I signed away my right of dower in the place he owned."
The claimant also states that she never lived with this man Hyde.

(Over)

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GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Michigan }
COUNTY OF Eaton } ss.

In the matter of the claim for Pension of Mary J. widow of
Joseph A. Sutton, les b'ly 13 N.Y. Inf. Vol.
(Character of Claim.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the
County and State aforesaid Lynda J. Sutton whose address
is Muskegon Mich
(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

I am brother of Joseph A. Sutton, the soldier named in the aforesaid claim - My said brother was killed on June 15, 1891 by being thrown from a water tank - in Eager township Mich -

My said brother was never married previous to his marriage with the applicant, Mary J. Sutton - of this I feel certain - I have no personal knowledge of their marriage - I know that my brother brought the applicant to our home and introduced her as his wife and we all recognized her as his lawful wife - I think they were married in Schuamse les-Mich. I never had any reason to question the legality of their marriage - I cannot give the date even approximately. In this marriage occurred - but it must be close onto thirty years ago.

The said Joseph A. Sutton and the said Mary J. Sutton, were never divorced & Joseph told me that they had a paper drawn by a Lawyer in Sandy Creek N.Y. to separate and they did so separate some twelve or thirteen years ago - but they were never divorced - I feel certain that if they had ever been divorced, the facts would come to my knowledge.

The said Joseph A. Sutton was never employed in the military or naval service of the U.S. prior to Oct 8, 1861 or subsequent to May 14, 1863 - the respective dates of his enlistment in and discharge from Co. L 13 N.Y. Inf. Vol. I certify this affidavit made

(SEE OTHER SIDE.)

Sutton, to be the lawful widow of
Joseph A. Sutton, he never had
but this one wife.

I further declare that I have no interest in said claim, and am not concerned in its prosecution.

** If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 _____
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant or of
each Affiant.

2 _____
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

George H. Sutton

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this First day of March 1898
at *Wells*, in the County of *Custer* - State of *Wyoming*
and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)
added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and
(Is or are.) (Is or are.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Walter T. Davis

(Name of Officer before whom executed)

[L. S.]

Notary Public

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

* The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

NOTE. -- This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need not be attached; but will be procured when called for by the Department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate is already officially known at the Department.

No. _____

CASE OF

Joseph A. Sutton

RECEIVED.
MAR 5 EAST DIV.
1898 FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF Sutton
(Mother)

*Keller June 15, 91, received
no money from
so many children
a. separation paper.
no other service*

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SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS.

Cleveland, Ohio,

1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE, 1
IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 97998

State: New York County: Oswego
Post Office: Sandy Creek, 1881.

Applicant's ser-
vice. I hereby certify That I have carefully examined Joseph A. Sutton, late a Private Co. F., 13th Reg't, New York Volk Inf'ty in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from Gun shot-wound left Thigh.

Degree of dis-
ability. In my opinion the said Joseph A. Sutton is $\frac{3}{4}$ \$6.00 per month incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin. Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me it is my belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable dura-
tion. The disability is Permanent

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular de-
scription. Height, 5'9"; weight, 168; complexion, Light-age, 41; pulse, 78; respiration, 17

I find ball anterior of thigh passed upward backward & anterior under neck of femur gazing the bone there is some tenderness at joint of it & some loss of power in limb. I know him on the same for the past 8 years & he has been slightly lame all the time for purposes of manual labor his disability is $\frac{3}{4}$ entitling him to ~~no~~ for one month

Samuel J. Corbett

Examining Surgeon.

Examining Surgeon's Certificate.

MW. 30th, 1865.

Applicant's service.

I hereby certify, That I have carefully examined Joseph A. Sutton, late a Private of Co. G. 13th Reg'tt N.Y.A.V. in the service of the United States, who was discharged at Rochester N.Y., on the 14th day of May, 1863, and is an applicant for an invalid pension, by reason of alleged disability resulting from Gun shot wound

Degree of disability.

In my opinion the said Joseph A. Sutton is $\frac{1}{4}$ one fourth incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me, it is my belief that the said disability was received in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable duration.

The disability is Year Proximate

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular description.

G. S. R. of Bright Thigh. Musket ball entering near Grochanus Major, and emerging posteriorly. This man walks with a slight limp, and complains of a numbness of the limb and inability to walk or labor any considerable time — muscles relaxed & soft

B. L. Harvey
Examining Surgeon.

PHYSICIAN'S AFFIDAVIT.

TAKE NOTICE.—The affidavit should, if possible, be in the handwriting of the affiant; the marginal instructions must be carefully observed before writing out the statement. All the facts in possession of affiant as to the origin and continuance of the disability should be fully set forth, and the dates of treatment should be specifically given. If the affidavit is prepared from memoranda in possession of the physician, that fact should be stated.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. 537502

William R. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton Private late of
Co. G 13th Regt New York Infantry Volunteers
(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for the aforesaid

County and State, Henry V. Partlow a citizen of Marquette County and State

whose Post Office address is Eagle Clinton Co. Mich.

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about 10 years, and that

he has been crippled from a gunshot wound (Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted

unless the magistrate certifies in his just that they were made before executing the paper.

he was unable to walk without the use of two canes most of the time, I know he gradually grew worse until his death, being scarcely able to get in and out of a wagon or buggy I have often prepared and sold him medicines and filled many prescriptions for him, and I consider his death due to his weak nervous and debilitated condition which my opinion resulted from his gunshot wound right thigh affecting his nervous system so much so that it nearly destroyed the use of both legs causing him to have to use two canes or crutches to enable him to get around and by spells he was unable to use them and was confined to the house on account of his weak nervous and debilitated condition resulting from said gunshot wound

NOTES.
The Physician's Affidavit must show the following facts:
a. Whether or not he knew the soldier prior to enlistment; the length of time he has known him now; intimately and what opportunities he has had of observing his physical condition, whether as his family physician or as neighbor; and how near he has lived to him. If he knew that the soldier was a sound man at enlistment, he should so state, adding, if true, that had he been informed he would have known it.

b. If he treated the soldier while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while the regiment was home or through that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

c. If he has treated the soldier since discharge he should so state giving the date of his first treatment, what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability, the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as near as possible, of the prescriptions.

d. The extent to which claimant has been enabled to perform manual labor during each year from discharge to the present time.

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State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

In the Pension Claim No. 537502

of William B. Sutton Father of Joseph A. Sutton late of
Co. G 13th Regiment New York Infantry Volunteers

(Company and regiment of service, if in the army; or vessel and rank if in the navy.)

Personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid

County and State H. N. Swaney M.D. a citizen of aforesaid County and State
whose Post Office address is Eagle Clinton County Michigan

well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a Practicing Physician, and that he has been acquainted with said soldier for about three years, and that

He has treated said Joseph A. Sutton Several times for different ailments when I first knew said J. A. Sutton

(Here embody all the facts known to the affiant in accordance with the marginal instructions. No erasures or interlineations will be permitted unless the magistrate certifies in his jurat that they were made before executing the paper.)

in 1868 he was able to walk quite well with the aid of a cane, but before he died he was scarcely able to walk with Crutches, He still persisted in driving the team. When from his wounds and nervous condition he was totally incapacitated.

I think from what I can learn of the way he met his death that it was from Shock to the Nervous System there were no Bruises to account for his death, and I think that were he in Possession of the use of his limbs at the time of the accident that this man would have come out unharmed he was very nervous at times suffering from Indomina Constipation and an increasing weakness of the lower limbs and at times was unable to walk at all

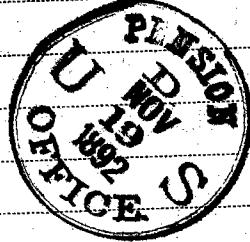
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2d. If he treated claimant while in the service either as his regimental surgeon or while claimant was home on furlough, that fact should be stated. The claimant's physical condition at such times should be clearly shown, as well as the nature of his disability and dates of treatment.

3d. If he has treated soldier since discharge he should so state, giving the date of his first treatment; what his physical condition was at the time, with complete diagnosis of the disability; the period during which he treated him should be stated, with dates as near as possible, of the prescriptions.

4th. The extent or degree to which claimant has been unable to perform manual labor during each year from discharge to the present time.



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He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for several years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

(Affiant's Signature. Give rank and service, if in the army.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eleventh day of November

...A. D. 1899

and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known to him before swearing, including the words

N. W. Dwyer..... erased, and the words *Robert W. David*

..... added: and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

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Clerk of the County Court in and for aforesaid County.

and State, do certify that _____, Esq., who has signed his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit was at the time of so doing _____ in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and sworn; that all his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereunto is genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this _____ day of _____.

[L. S.]

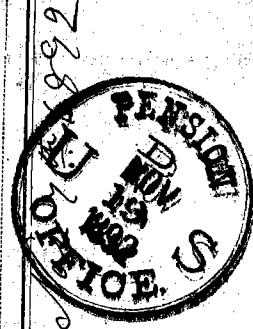
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MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

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PROOF OF DISABILITY.

State of Michigan { SS.
County of Kellogg

In the matter of the Pension ~~No.~~ No. 187877 of Joseph A. Sutton
late Pvt of the 13 Reg't U.S. Vol Inf't.

Personally came before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the
County and State aforesaid Herbert H. Swayne

person of lawful age, who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim as follows:

I have examined Joseph A. Sutton and find him suffering from the effects of a bullet wound rec'd in a skirmish in front of Yorktown. There is evidence of a fracture at upper third Femur. Considerable shortening of the limb. Some wasting of muscles of leg. Some adhesions in hip joint preventing free action of joint. He complains of continual pain in hip and pains streaking down the leg. rheumatic pains in different parts of body. Some palpitation of heart. Both his limbs are very much bowed and he uses two canes to enable him to walk around. is not capable of doing any work to speak of.

I further declare that I have no interest in said claim, and am

not concerned in its prosecution.

1 Elias Carpenter
Name of one witness to x mark

2 H. W. Davis
Name of other witness to x mark

{ J. H. Swayne Jr. D.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,
RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., July 30th, 1872.

[TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.]

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that

Pvt Co. 6, 13 Reg't N.Y. Vol.

was admitted to Mill Creek Gen. Hospital, Fort Monroe, Va.

Aug. 3rd, 1862, from _____ for treatment for Chronic Diarrhea, and was returned to duty Nov. 28th 62. Entered Gen. Hosp. Fort Wash. N.Y. Aug. 9th 62 with Gun shot wound, no disposition given. Entered Conv. Camp near Alexa. Va. May 23rd 63 with Rheumatism, and was sent to Gen. Hosp. Feb. 24th 63. Entered Lincoln G.H. Washington D. C. Feb. 24th 63. (as Joseph A. Sutton) with Ascites, and was sent to Gen. Hosp. April 14th 63. Entered 24th 2nd South St. G.H. Phila. Pa. April 15th 63, with Ascites, and was sent to G.H. May 6th 63. Entered Conv. Hosp. 16th & Gilbert Sts. Phila. Pa. May 6th 63 with no diagnosis given, and was returned to duty May 14th 1863. The records of Hops in Georgetown D. C. or of the Med. Dep't of Washington D. C. prior to Aug. 3rd 62 furnish no evidence in this case, nor do the records of 24th & South Sts. Phila. or Med. Dep't of Surgeon General prior to April 15th 63. There are no records of Park Bkfst. Mifflin or Phila. in this Office prior to Jan'y 1864. The records of the Regt. are not on file in this Office.

By order of the Surgeon General:

J. J. Woodward
Brev. Lieut. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.
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Vol. 31.....

No. 1652.

(NOTE.—This certificate should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, this paper should accompany the application therefor.)

(No. 6.)

Department of the Interior,
PENSION OFFICE,

March 27, 1872.

Sir:

In the case of Joseph A. Sutton, No. 97,998, late
a ... Pori., Co. 6, 13. Regiment of N.Y. Vols.
it is respectfully requested that you furnish this Office whatever evidence
the records of your Office may afford as to the disease or injury for
which the applicant was treated while in S. M. Georgetown D. C.
in May or June 62 then in Park Barracks Nos.
N.B. There is 6 No south 24 st I hear a
Discharge May 14/63.

He alleges his treatment was subsequent to
186 fur to 8 M^r right thigh

Please return this circular with your report.

Respectfully, yours,

J.W. Baker

Commissioner

Surgeon General U. S. A.

Present.

Room No. 33

A.L.S.

(CIRCULAR NO. 7.)

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

January 16, 1866.

Sir:

In the case of Joseph A. Sutton, late
Pvt. Co. G., 13th Regiment N. Y. V.
it is respectfully requested that you furnish this Office whatever evidence
the rolls of said Regiment may afford as to the applicant's service
and disability. He alleges that he was wounded at the battle of
on the 2^d day of May, 62,
and was discharged on the 14th day of May 1863.

Respectfully yours,

Please state cause of discharge. Joseph A. Barrett

Commissioner.

Adjutant General, U. S. A.

Washington, D. C.

I R. P.
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PROOF OF HABITS AND OCCUPATION.

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State of New York, { ss.
County of Livingston }

On this Twenty-fourth day of November 1865,
before the undersigned, a Notary duly authorized by law to administer
oaths, within and for said County, personally appeared Frank J. Mardock
and Jacob J. Gilder residents of said County, who being duly sworn
depose and say, that they are well acquainted with George A. Sutton
late a private in Company G.
of the 13th Regiment of New York volunteers in the service of the
United States, in the War of 1861, who is now making application for a pension
from the United States by reason of wounds received
while in their service - that the personal
habits of said applicant since his discharge
are regular and temperate - and that his
occupation since his discharge so far as he
has been able to engage in any labor, has
been that of a farm laborer and teamster.

And they swear that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Frank J. Mardock
Jacob J. Gilder.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWEORN before me, the day and year first above mentioned, and I hereby certify,
that Frank J. Mardock and Jacob J. Gilder are
credible witnesses, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. M. Stillwell,
Notary Public

Official proof of
Notary's official character
on file -

State of New York
Livingston County ss

Ralph T. Wood of
North Dansville in said County being duly
sworn says that he was formerly a
Captain in the 13th New York Volunteers, and
commanded Company G. in said regiment
that Joseph A. Sutton was a private in
said company - that on or about the
2^d of May 1862 while the regiment was
lying before Yorktown Va. said Sutton was
detailed upon picket duty and in pursu-
ance of said detail joined a picket or working
party under command of Capt. George
Hyland p of said regiment on the night of
the second of May of said year - that while so
upon duty said Sutton received a
wound in the hip or thigh from a rifle
ball fired at the party by [redacted]
in the works at Yorktown aforesaid

Further that this deponent has no
interest in the claim for pension made

State of New York,
Monroe County Clerk's Office,
ROCHESTER.

I, George H. Barry, Clerk of the County of Monroe, of the County
Court of said County, and of the Supreme Court, both being Courts of Record,
having a common seal, do certify, that

Exq., was, at the date of the Certificate of proof or
acknowledgment of the annexed instrument in writing, a **Commissioner**,
in and for said County, duly authorized to take the same; that I am well
acquainted with his hand-writing, and verily believe that the signature to
said Certificate is genuine, and that the annexed instrument is executed and
acknowledged according to the Laws of this State.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal
of said County and Courts, this day of
A. D. 186

George H. Barry, Clerk.

This is to certify that
we the undersigned are well
acquainted with Joseph Button
and know that he is entirely
unable to do manual labor
having to walk with two canes
and getting around with great
difficulty. We know him to
be poor and much in need
of financial assistance.
We believe and understand
that his lameness is the result
of a severe hip wound received
while in the service of the
civil war

Oct. 17, 1890, Names

		Occupation
Loyal Office	Attorney.	Postmaster
Henry W. Parrot		
R. W. David	Justice of the Peace	
T. R. Confection		
H. C. Briggs		
D. O. Synder		

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION

State of Michigan, County of EATON, ss.:

On this 9TH, day of MAY, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty NINETY, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, JOSEPH A. SUTTON aged 59 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the rate of 12 dollars per month, under Pension Certificate No. 197977 by reason of disability resulting from GUN SHOT WOUND OF RIGHT THIGH.

Pension Certificate No.

incurred in the service of the United States while serving as a PRIVATE in Company G, of the THIRTEENTH Regiment of NEW YORK Volunteers. That he believes himself entitled to an increase of pension for disability above stated, and hereby makes application therefor, on account of an increased disability, and his rate, above named, being unjustly and unreasonably low and disproportionate to the rate drawn by other pensioners for similar or equivalent disabilities.

THAT HIS LAMENESS IS GROWING WORSE & WORSE AND THAT HE IS NOW UNABLE TO GET AROUND SO AS TO PERFORM MANUAL LABOR. THAT HE IS COMPELLED TO WALK WITH A CANE ALL THE TIME; AND MUCH OF THE TIME HE IS COMPELLED TO USE TWO. HE FURTHER ASKS THAT HE MAY HAVE A RE-RATING FROM JANUARY 1889. THAT HIS FORMER RATING WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS DISABILITY.

That he hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, H. J. PATTERSON, of Wacousta, Clinton county, Michigan, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim.

His postoffice address is Eagle County of Clinton
State of Michigan Joseph A. Sutton
(Signature of Claimant.)

Lewy Jones
Andrew J. Ewell
(Two persons who can write sign here.)

Also, personally appeared Lewy Jones, residing at Grand Ledge, and Andrew J. Ewell residing at Eagle Clinton County; persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Joseph A. Sutton, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark), to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Lewy Jones
Andrew J. Ewell
(Signatures of witnesses.)

See Instructions at the Bottom.

FOR INCREASE OF INVALID PENSION.

STATE OF Michigan
COUNTY OF Saginaw ss.

On this 19th day of October A. D. 1885 personally appeared before me Thomas A. Lawrie Notary Public the same being a Court of Record, in the County and State aforesaid Joseph A. Sutton aged 45 years, a resident of the County of Saginaw State of Michigan who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes as follows, to wit:

I am a pensioner of the United States, duly enrolled at the Syracuse N.Y. pension Agency, at the rate of 6 Dollars per month, by reason of disability incurred in the military service of the United States while a member of Company G 13th Reg't of N.Y. Vols., and my present physical condition is such that I believe I am entitled to receive an increase pension. I am now disabled in the following manner, to wit:

Wound in right thigh

IT IS WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION THAT I HEREBY APPOINT J. B. CRALLE, OF WASHINGTON, D. C., my true and lawful Attorney to prosecute my claim. My post-office address is Poterville County of Saginaw State of Michigan and the number of my certificate is 197977.

Attest two witnesses. { P. Booth Joseph A. Sutton [Claimant's Signature.]

Also, personally appeared P. Booth residing at Conway Livingston Co. and Henry Haigler residing at Conway Livingston Co. persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn say they were present and saw Joseph A. Sutton the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said Claimant, and from their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Signature of
witnesses. { P. Booth Henry Haigler

NOTE.—This declaration may be made before a Notary or Justice, provided that the Certificate of Clerk of Court is attached, showing the official capacity of said Notary or Justice.

DECLARATION FOR THE INCREASE OF AN INVALID PENSION.

TAKE NOTICE.—If this declaration is executed before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the certificate of the CLERK OF THE COURT, as to the official character and genuineness of the signature of such officer must be attached. Neglect to comply with this requirement will cause trouble and DELAY.

STATE OF Michigan }
COUNTY OF Wayne } ss.

ON THIS 26 day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the County and State

aforesaid, Joseph A. Sutton aged 43 years a resident of
Wayne County of Wayne State of Michigan

United States, enrolled at the Syracuse Pension Agency at the rate of six dollars per month, Certificate No. 197.977, by reason of disability from gun shot

wound of the right thigh (Here name the disability for which pension was granted.)

inurred in the Military service of the United States, while serving as a Private in
(Here state rank, company, and regiment, if in the army; vessel
Military or Naval) Co G of the 13th Regiment of New York Vol Inf

If in the Navy.)

That he believes himself to be entitled to an increase of pension on account of an increase of the
disability for which he was originally pensioned.

(Here state the reasons for applying for increase. If on account of increase in the disability for which already pensioned, that should be described.)

That he has continually grown more lame &
disabled by reason of said wound until he is
entirely precluded from the performance of
almost all branches of farm labor, & obliged
to seek other employment to earn a living.
(Here state the reasons for which he is disabled, and the time, place
and circumstances of its origin, and the names of hospitals, where treated in the service, should be fully stated. The dates of treatment
should be given as nearly as possible.)

That he suffers continuous pain therefore,
and extreme pain from the use of his
left right limb.

that he hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation

M. L. Gay of Howell Mich

his true and lawful attorneys, to prosecute his claim.

If his Post Office address is Howellville Sparta County

State of Michigan

Joseph A. Sutton [Signature of Claimant]

Fred J. Schoder

[Two witnesses who can write sign here.]

Index Sheet, Claim No. Just. Ct. No. 197 997

Joseph A. Sutton,

Service,

Co. G, 13th N. Y. Vol. Inf.

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NO.	NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	DATE OF FILING.	SUBJECT.
2	Soldier Maryland, N.Y. Eagle, Mich.	Dec 14, 65.	Altered limb Legal. Law Declaration - J. S. M. R. thigh- Hospital
3	"	Dec 31, 83.	Increase on original
4	"	Nov 5, 85.	Increase, original
5	"	May 24, 90	Increase, original
6	"	May 25, 81	P. O., no other service.
7	Mar Dept	Nov 9, 92 1866 872	Service, discharging record.
8	Frank J. Murdoch Jacob J. Gilder Livingston Co., N.Y.	Nov. 65	Habits good, a Laborer.
9	Capt, Ralph J. Wood North Danville, N.Y. Loyal N. Hall Henry W. Peterson R. H. Warren T. B. Compton H. C. Briggs E. G. Longdon	Dec 14, 65	Origin wound hip or thigh
10	Geo H. Sutton Grand Ledge, County - Mich	Oct 21, 890 Nov 19, 92	(Filed in Father's claim) Hip sound, wound at return R. thigh, affected both legs. Was moved to Michigan 1864.
			Contumacious, nervous prostration would fall down. Fell out of Wagon near house from his spells, caused death.
11	Alfred W. Sutton Rathbone, Mich	.	Hysteria wound, nervous. used 2 canes. lost use legs, could fall often. After birth him Jan 15, 1891, in his wagon, nervous fell off, causing death. Was subject to nervous spells.

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Service,

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ORIGINAL INVALID PENSION.

Syracuse
Caimant,

P. O.,

County,

State,

Attorney,

Fee, \$ 10⁰⁰

Rate, \$

Joseph A. Sutton
 Sandy Creek
 Oswego
 N.Y.
 Ralph S. Wood.
 New York N.Y.
 Agent to pay.
 per month, commencing May 15/63.

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Disabled by Gun shot around of right thigh -

Submitted July 22, 1881, by Ed G. Gleason, Examiner.

Approved for

G. S. w. of right thigh.

Approved for G. S. wounded of
right thigh i³/4

Nov. 14, 1881. Denton, Reviewer.

W.L. Jackson, M.D.
Nov. 16, 1881, Med. Referee.

Enlisted	Oct 8	, 1861.	service from
Mustered		, 18 . .	18 , to , 18 , in
Discharged	May 14	, 1863.	
Declaration filed	Dec 14	, 1865.	Not in military or naval service since May
Last material evidence filed		, 18 . .	14 , 1863, when discharged.

BASIS OF CLAIM.

Alleges in declaration filed Dec 14/65.

Wounded in right
thigh at Yorktown Va. May 2/62.

Statement of Dr Crockett that around is of left thigh
 is an apparent clerical as allegations and certificate
 of Dr. being in 1865 & has right thigh

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E.

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ACCRUED PENSION.

Act of March 2, 1895.

Eastern Division.

Certificate No. 197,977 Last issue April 8, 1886

Pensioner, Joseph A. Sutton Act General Law

Date of death, June 15, 1891

Claimant, Mary J. Sutton Widow

~~Frank Lake St., 62 Morrison St., 62 Harrison St.~~

Cleveland,

Ohio

Certificate not filed. Voucher not filed.

Submitted for ~~admission~~ consideration May 2, 1890

Gold Examiner.
E. J. Mason, Jr.

BOARD OF REVIEW.

Approved for Administrator

Pay to widow as above

~~F. J. Mason~~ Reviewer, May 24, 1890

CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

Accrued Pension Certificate and Order { Issued May 24, 1890
Mailed May 28, 1890

Payable to Widow

Original certificate and voucher

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Widow's widow

Increase INVALID PENSION.

Ctg. 197.977

Claimant, Joseph A. Sutton, deceased, Mary J. Sutton, Widow
 P.O. of Mid., No. 62 ~~Woodland St.~~ Cleveland, Rank, Private
 County, Cuyahoga, 62 Morrison St.
 State, Ohio. Company, "G."
 Regt., 13th New York Vol. Inf.

Rate, \$ per month, commencing

Disabled by

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

REJECTED

JUN 7 1900

Name, H. J. Patterson, Fee \$ 10, Agent to pay.
 P.O., Wausau, Mich. Articles filed No., 18

APPROVALS:

Re submitted for Congress June 17, 1890
 Re submitted to G. S. Mason July 11, 1890
 Re Submitted for admission June 8, 1898

C. F. Mason, G. S. Mason, G. S. Mason
 D. L. Gold, Examiner

Approved for G. S. M. of right thigh
 Pension to end June 15
 1891, date of soldier's death
 payable to widow named 12/18
 above.

Approved for Granard, wounded
 of right thigh to 10/18
 from April 3, 1863
 to present.

Feb 18, 1898, F. Moore, Legal Reviewer. May 17, 1890, J. J. Rankin, Medical Referee.

Enlisted October 8, 1863
 Discharged May 14, 1863. Last paid to at \$ 12.00

Pensioned from May 15, 1863, at \$ 6, for G. S. M. right thigh
 and from March 10, 1866 at \$ 12, for original.

Original declaration filed December 14, 1865; alleged G. S. M. right thigh

Declaration filed Dec. 31, 1883, alleged increase on original

Reported June 17, 1890

Declaration filed November 5, 1885, alleged increase, original.

Arrears allowed from May 15, 1863, to , 18 , at \$.

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed May 24, 1890, alleged increase on original.

Died June 15, 1891.

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Widow No. 668, 624, Act.
 Father No. 537, 502, Reg.

Increase

INVALID PENSION.

Claimant Joseph A. Sutton

P.O., Eagle
County, Clinton
State, Mich.

Rank, Private

Company,

Regiment,

13 N.Y. Vol Inf.

Rate, \$ per month, commencing

Disabled by Gun r.k. thigh.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, H. J. Patterson
P.O., Wausau, Mich.Fee \$ 10, Agent to pay.
Articles filed, 18

APPROVALS:

Submitted for

Feb 18, 1891.

Examiner.

Approved for

Is it thigh

Cleaves
Approved for Gun shot wound of
right thigh. No specific date
to see record of examination.

Date 5, 1891, Mon

Legal Reviewer.

Mar 27, 1891, Medical Referee.

Discharged

May 14

, 1863. Last paid to

at \$ 12

Pensioned from

May 15, 1863, at \$ 6

for gun right thigh.

Original declaration filed

Dec. 14, 1865; alleged

no date, thigh.

Drec. reg'd. June 17, 1884, and

March 31, 1886

Due to \$ 12 from March 10/86.

Arrears allowed from

, 18 , to , 18 , at \$

PRESENT CLAIM.

Declaration filed

May 29, 1890. alleges original

Court, written

Mo M. C.

dull - mule

Claims Drawn

Alice, NY June 17, 1884

per month

Pensioned July 26, 1884; from May 15, 1863 at \$ 6

, 18

Original application filed July 5, 1863.

Med. Referee.

Approved for annual benefit second of Augt. Approved for annual benefit second of Augt. Approved for annual benefit second of Augt.

Examiner.

Submitted

Disabled by

Alice, NY March 31, 1886.

March 10, 1886

per month, commencing

Fee, \$ 10

Rate, \$ 10

At attorney.

State,

County,

Town,

Company,

Requirement,

Alice, NY

Increase INVALID PENSION.

REJECTED

JUN 4 1881
Claimant,

Joseph A. Sutton
P. O., Fowlerville { Rank, Priv.
County, Livingston } Company, Co.
State, Mich Regiment, 13th U. S. Vols
Attorney, W. L. Gay, Howell, Mich Fee, \$

Rate, \$ per month, commencing

Disabled by G.S.W right thigh
Submitted May 9th, 1884 by Deebrook, Examiner

Approved for

G.S.W. of rt. thigh

Approved for No increase

BS

June 16 th , 1884. W. Kamm	Reviewer	June 17 th , 1884. G. E. S.	Med. Referee
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Discharged	May 14 th , 1863	Certificate surrendered	, 18
Original application filed	Dec 14 th , 1865	Last paid at \$ 6	, 18
Increase application filed	Dec 31 st , 1883		
Pensioned	, 18 ; from	May 15 th , 1863 at \$ 6	per month
for	G.S.W. of right thigh		

Claims Same

These special instructions are forwarded for your information, and when the claimant reports you will read them carefully before making an examination, and return them with your certificate.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS D. INGRAM,

Medical Referee.

Dr. _____

[OVER.]

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Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

18

Nature of Claim _____

No. _____

Soldier: _____

Service: _____

It is desired in this case that the examination be made with special reference to—

The wound extending from the
great trochanter to the knee and
foot of the injured limb.

Examine and describe condition
of the left sciatic nerve
and the entire left leg.

Are there any indications of
inflammation in the joints or
tissues of either leg? or other
parts of the body?

Strip the patient and examine
fully and carefully each disability
found whether mental or moral
or not. In your examination
exactly conform strictly to the
requirements of paragraphs 5, 6, 8,
11, 62, 63 and 71 of your Schedule
of Medical Report and detailed
inquiry. See the account and
carefully the diagnosis of second
and third degree.

*These special instructions are forwarded for your information, and when the documents
reports you will read them carefully before making an examination, and return them with
your certificate.*

Very respectfully,

THOMAS D. INGRAM,

Medical Examiner

Dr.

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Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF PENSIONS

March 1, 1911

Nature of Claim

No. 97,977

Soldier George L. Bell

Service. Company B, 3rd Inf.

This Vested in this case and
to be made with special reference
to the following statement
that he had been giv
and so went

To: The physician who has been
appointed by the Board of
Commission for the purpose of
determining the extent of the
loss of the muscle and whether
the foreign it injured the same
or any other part
in connection with the condition
of the wound or injury
and the first rest day of
the loss of the muscle
placed in such a position
so as to prevent any con
tact between the same
and the foreign body

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF Ohio

COUNTY OF Lake

} ss.

In the matter of the claim for Funeral expenses of the widow of Joseph A. Sutton, deceased 13 N.Y. Inf. Vol.

(Character of Claim.)

(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a

Notary Public

in and for the

County and State aforesaid

Mr. Lottie Sweet whose P.O. address

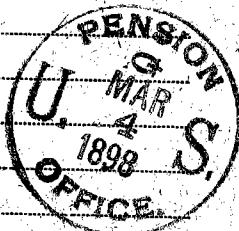
Perrinville, Lake Co. Ohio

(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

I have been personally acquainted with Mary J. Sutton, since the year 1857 - Her maiden name was Mary J. Dennis. I know of her marriage to Joseph A. Sutton, which occurred about thirty years ago - when the applicant was quite a young girl - She was never married previous to her marriage with said Joseph A. Sutton - Whether was she ever divorced from the said Joseph A. Sutton - While it is true that the parties did not live together for some years previous to the death of said Joseph A. Sutton, I feel certain that the fact would have become known to me, by reason of my intimate acquaintance with the applicant; in like manner should I have learned the fact had the applicant ever been married previous to her marriage with said Joseph A. Sutton. I further declare that the said Mary J. Sutton, has not remarried since the death of said Joseph A. Sutton, and I believe her to be the lawful widow of said soldier. I make these statements from personal knowledge - I further declare that I have no interest in this case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Mrs. Lottie Sweet



further declare that no interest in said claim, and

d. in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1 _____
(Name of one witness to X mark.)

Signature of
Affiant or of
each Affiant.

2 _____
(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 1st day of March 1891,
at Painesville, in the County of Lake, State of Ohio
and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing
affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased, attach a line for interlineation.)

erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and
(Is or are.) (Is or are.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Clark Hyge
(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

[L. S.]

Notary Public for and within Lake Co. Ohio.

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

NOTE.—This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need not be attached; but will be procured when called for by the Department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate is already officially known at the Department.

File No. 668-624

CASE OF

Henry J. Sisson

Class of 13 Regt

1st Inf Vol

Sweet

FOR

Person

Jones

AFFIDAVIT OF

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REASON

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MAR 5 1891

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MIL B. STEVENS & CO.

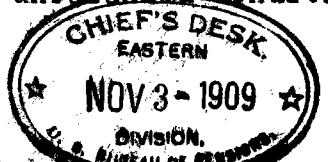
SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS.

Groverland, Ohio

State of ~~Ohio~~, Michigan
Van Buren
~~Monroe~~ County, SS.

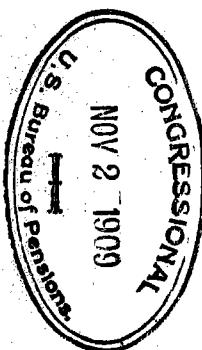
Before me a Notary Public in and for Van Buren
County of the State of Michigan, personally appeared John
Demerrit, who being by me duly sworn, deposes
and says as follows:-

That on the 27th day of December¹⁸⁵⁵ she was
married to Chas. Demerrit and that she lived with said
Chas. Demerrit until his death which occurred 26th
Dec. 1908. Affiant says that she has for a period
of 50 years been acquainted with Mrs. Mary Sutton, and
that said Mrs. Mary Sutton was the sister of affiant's hus-
band. That she Mrs. Mary Sutton to be a woman of good character
and excellent reputation. That she has positive knowledge that
her husband, said Chas. Demerrit while in a fit of
anger made a statement ~~for~~ an affidavit to the effect that
said Mrs. Mary Sutton had been guilty of adultery, ~~but~~ before
the death of Joseph Sutton the husband of said Mary
Sutton, affiant further states that at the time this statement
or affidavit was made said Chas. Demerrit was not in full
possession of his mental faculties and was not capable of taking
an oath or making an affidavit of this description. Affiant
further states that during the rational moments of said Chas.
Demerrit he often said that he deeply regretted the
action he had taken, and said that his course was actuated by
anger and the unbalanced condition of his mind. Affiant further
saith not:



Subscribed and sworn before me this 27th day of September,
1909. My commission expires April 1/13

Mrs. Lydia Jane Demerrit
Arthur L. Wrenford
Notary Public



1 EXAMINING SURGEON'S CERTIFICATE

1

IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

No. of Application, 97998

State: New York County: Oswego
 Post Office: Sandy Hook, 1881

Applicant's ser-
vice.

I hereby certify That I have carefully examined Joseph A. Sutton, late a Private Co. G, 13th Reg't, New York Vol Inf'y in the service of the United States, who is an APPLICANT for an invalid pension by reason of alleged disability resulting from G S W Right-thigh

Degree of disa-
bility.

In my opinion the said Joseph A. Sutton is 3/4 totally & 6⁰⁰ per month incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Origin.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me it is my belief that the said disability did originate in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

Probable dura-
tion.

The disability is Permanent

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

Particular de-
scription.

Height, 5-9; weight, 168; complexion, fair age, 41; pulse, 78; respiration, 17

Ball passed through Right-thigh from front to rear, passing under surface of neck of femur & made its exit behind great trochanter. Wound of exit tender. There is now loss of power in muscles of thigh & he complains constantly of pain caused by standing or walking. Status has never received any wound except the one in Right-thigh. (He is bow-legged & an awkward walker at best but after making due allowance for that & for exaggeration I think his disability honestly 3/4 total, 6⁰⁰

Samuel J. Crockett, M.D.
 Examining Surgeon.

Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Pension Claim No. 197.977

[State above whether for original increase, or restoration.]

Name and rank of claimant.

, Rank, Priv

J. A. Sutton
Company 4, Reg't N.Y. Zapt

IONI' MICH State,

Claimant's post-office address.

[Post-office address of the Board.]

Eagle. Plentas Co.

April 3rd, 1891
[Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: G. S. P. of right thigh & results and alleges disease of left testicle

Cause of disability.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

and that he receives a pension of 12⁵⁰ dollars per month.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for See

[Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give a full description of the claimant's state of health as briefly and as compactly as possible.

Claims myself low rating & disability now - my thigh worse. Incur'd disease of left testicle at N.Y. fall 1862. Thinks it was result of severe attack of diarrhoea. When his testicle dropped as he expressed it - caus many much pain & terrysd along cord & never got any better. Thinks to fully disabled

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 92; respiration, 21; temperature, 99^{1/2}; height, 5 feet 2^{1/4} inches; weight, 133 pounds; age, 51 years.

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with pars 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

General appearance very poor health. Body emaciated muscles soft & flabby due to hands off. Skin very dry & yellow. Walks with crutch & cane. Both scrotums are enlarged and presenting bow legged appear once has to be supported with cane while I am away for examination. On anterior side right thigh 4^{1/2} in. below superior spinous process of ilium is crucial test. one inch by 1^{3/4} in. diameter said to be entrance of missile. Course of ball back & slightly upward to exit which is situated over posterior border of gluteal Maximus muscle just below trochanter major & opposite to trochanter minor. Ball 2 in. with 1^{1/2} in. behind the former. injury = inch & a half & right acetabulum 2^{1/2} in. - 2^{1/2} in. in dia in front of bone with the surface very thin. Claims has much pain running down to hollow of right which is continuous. So weak as weak for can't possible stand but a few minutes unless supported with cane or crutch - 1^{1/2} in. out & 1^{1/2} in. in apposition too directed forward. The testicles are 11 inches - spank. Thigh measured fulgue = 2000 mm as stated. G. S. P. of right thigh & results

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

rating for the disability caused by small varicella for that caused by small varicella and 2⁵⁰ for that caused by _____

A. Blount, Pres. F. R. Allis, Sec'y. L. D. Allen, Treas.

N. B.—Always forward a certificate of examination whether a disability is found to exist or not.

[A] Attention is invited to the outlines of the human skeleton and figure upon the back of this certificate, and they should be used whenever it is possible to indicate precisely the location of a disease or injury, the entrance and exit of a missile, an amputation, &c.

The absence of a member from a session of a board and the reason therefor, if known, and the name of the absentee, must be indorsed upon each certificate.

Insert character and number of claim.

Increase [State above whether for original increase, or restoration.]

Pension Claim No. 197.977

Name and rank of claimant.

Joseph T. Sutton, Rank, private

Company G, 13 Reg't U.S. Vols | Lansing Mich. State,

Claimant's post-office address.

Waconia Mich. | Post-office address of the Board. October 15, 1890. [Date of examination.]

We hereby certify that in compliance with the requirements of the law we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is suffering from the following disability, incurred in the service, viz: G. S. S. of right thigh & increased disability.

Cause of disability.

If a pensioner, fill in the amount; if not, erase the whole line.

He makes the following statement upon which he bases his claim for Increase. [Original, increase, restoration, &c.]

Here give the claimant's statement as briefly and as compactly as possible.

He has pain in right thigh, also weakness. The thigh is so weak he can hardly get around.

Upon examination we find the following objective conditions: Pulse rate, 72; respiration, 17; temperature, 98; height, 5' 4" feet 4 inches; weight, 136 pounds; age, 50 years. Ball struck anterior slightly outer aspect of right thigh about 3 1/4 inches lower than the upper margin of great trochanter passed backward, inward & slightly upward internal to shaft of femur & emerged on the outer aspect of right gluteal muscles about an inch lower than & two inches from upper margin of great trochanter. Neither cicatrix is adherent. He complains of tenderness of both cicatrices & severe pain in region of the wound extending to knee & foot. The sciatic nerve was doubtless injured & the cicatrix of the wound is an irritant to the nerve. Thighs are of equal size, the right calf is 1/2 inch smaller than the left, the right knee is permanently enlarged, it is 5/8 inch larger than the left. This enlargement is due to hypertrophy which is probably a result of the G. S. S. The hamstrings are tense & a little shortened, he cannot quite extend the leg, he can fully flex it. He is quite lame in the right leg. Both legs are badly bowed outward. When he

Here give a full description of the disabilities, in accordance with parts 5, 6, 51, 52, &c., of Book of Instructions for 1889

He is, in our opinion, entitled to a total 3 grade rating for the disability caused by G. S. S. of right thigh & results for that caused by _____, and _____ for that caused by _____.

Rate for EACH cause of disability.

James H. Kellogg, Sec'y. Edward D. North, Sec'y. J. O. Ranney, Treas.

No. 2.

(3-110.)

No. 2.

INCREASE OF PENSION.

(FOR A BOARD.)

Claim No. 197, 977

Name of claimant,

Jos. A. Salton.

Rank,

Pvt.

Company,

'G'

Regiment,

13th U. S. Inf'y.

Post-office address,

Fredericksburg, Va.

ADDRESS OF THE BOARD:

Post office,

Ann Arbor

County,

Washtenaw

State,

Mich

Date of examination, Mar 10th, 1886.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that in compliance with the requirements of the law* we have carefully examined this applicant, who states that he is now paid six (6) dollars per month on account of gun shot wound of right thigh

Reason for claiming increase and degree claimed.
and that he claims an increased rating for the reason that his visibility has increased
and that he is now disabled to degree for earning his subsistence by manual labor.

His pulse-rate per minute is 84; his respiration 20; his temperature 99⁶/₁₀;
his height is 5 feet and 6 inches; he weighs 140 pounds, and he states that he is 46 years of age.

Touching his disability and his reasons for asking an increase of pension, he makes the following statement:

Says original wound healed in about six months - pieces of bone coming out again after - has pain in hip & thigh & knee on right side - tires out more quickly when he stands or walks - gets dizzy & has spells of being short of breath if he runs or gets tired at work - At different times open wounds from two or three to five years ago had hard bubbles come in hip some of them took out - Has "fistula" three (3) years ago which he thinks communicated with Rectum - was operated on in Apr. 1884 by Drs Spencer & Quillie of Webberville which

Upon examining this applicant we find the following objective conditions which, in our judgment, do not entitle him to an increased rating.

Shows scars of alleged wounds - see diagram - also creases of wound for past two weeks to right & superior to arm - also two or three slight scars which he says were caused during after wound - outside of upper thigh

Cold - circumference of thigh less than of left - motion of hip both of rotation & flexion also of flexion of knee restricted & less than left side - use & strength of limb on right

more probably animal rather than from effects of gun shot wound - Eroding ulceration of heel & regeneration - various scarring

From the existing condition and the history of this claimant, as stated by himself, it is, in our judgment,

probable that the disability was incurred in the service as he claims, and that it

has not been prolonged or aggravated by vicious habits. He is, in our opinion, entitled to a 12 or 3/4 grade rating for the disability caused by gun shot wound of Right thigh for that caused

by and $\frac{7}{18}$ caused by Constitutional weakness -

the sum of which aggregates $\frac{16}{18}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ grade

* See the back.

Edward Matherly, Pres.,
Jos. Brakley, Sec'y,
John Kapp, Treas.,
BOARD.

19.

(3-130 a.)

ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

WAR OF THE REBELLION.

DEPENDENT *Father* PENSION.

Claimant, William P. Sutton
P. O., Eagle
County, Clinton, State, Mich.

Soldier, Joseph A. Sutton,
Rank, Private, Co. G,
Regiment, 13th U. S. Vol. Inf.

Rate \$12 per month, commencing

, 189..., date of filing application.

Pension to continue only during the existence of dependence.

REJECTED RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY:

Name, Corry Train
P. O., Mulliken, Mich

Fee \$, Agent to pay.
Articles filed , 189

Re-submitted for A. L. G. APPROVALS:
Submitted for Appleton, June 19, 1890 - C. A. Meyers, Examiner.

Approved for Rejection, origin of
Death not due to, accepted,
the service. Claimant is
without other means of support than the proceeds
of own manual labor or the contributions
of others not legally bound for support.

Approved for ;

death resulted from

due to

which has been legally accepted.

, Medical Reviewer.

, Medical Referee.

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IMPORTANT DATES.

Enlisted	<u>Oct. 8</u>	, 1861	Invalid last paid to	, 18
Mustered			Death of mother	, 18
Discharged	<u>May 14</u>	, 1863	Remarriage of mother	, 18
Died	<u>June 15</u>	, 1891	No claim filed under former laws	, 18
Declaration filed	<u>Jan. 12</u>	, 1891	Rejected	, 18
Invalid application filed	<u>Oct. 14</u>	, 1865	Cause	

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Claim. wife

*Rejected in the general that the soldier's death from falling
from a wagon was not due to his military service.*

Declaration for Dependent Father's Pension.

Act of June 27, 1890.

NOTE.—This can be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If such officer uses a seal, certificate of Clerk of Court is not necessary. If no seal is used, then such certificate must be attached.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss:

ON THIS 23rd day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one,

personally appeared before me, a Notary Public

within and for the County and State aforesaid, William R. Sutton

aged Seventy Six years, resident of the Township of Eagle

County of Clinton, State of Michigan, who, being duly

sworn according to law, declares that he is the father of Joseph A. Sutton Private

who enlisted under the name of Joseph A. Sutton

Danville, on the day of October, 1861

in Company H 13th Regt. New York Infantry Volunteers
(Here state rank, company, and regiment in Military service, or vessel, if Navy.)
to serve two years and was discharged May 14th 1863
by C. M. C. of State by reason of Expiration of time
of service and who served over Ninety Days

in the War of the Rebellion, who died at the Township of Eagle, on the Fifteenth

day of June, 1871, from the effects of Wound in right thigh disabling
him in such a way that he fell out of a wagon and
Died from the effects of the same the wound was gunshot
Caused in the service Claimant does know when and where
Death but says time in 1862 or 3 said Joseph A. Sutton at the time of his
incurred at Drew a pension of \$12. per month on certificate No. 197777
on the day of , 18

That said son left neither widow, nor child under sixteen years of age, surviving. That declarant was married to the
mother of said son on the 17th

day of May, 1835, at

the Township of Lyons, by Wm. Decker Justice of the Peace

and that she died on the Thirteenth day of June, 1886, at

Township of Conway Livingston County. That he is without other PRESENT means of support than

his own manual labor, or the contributions of others not legally bound for his support. That he has not applied
for a pension, the number of his application being . That he makes this declaration for the purpose

of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. He hereby appoints

Perry Tamm of the village of Elba Village Eaton County Michigan
his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That his post office address is Eagle

, County of Clinton

State of Michigan

Andrew J. Rockburn

JAMES ATCHESON

(Two witnesses who can write, sign here.)

William R. Sutton
(Signature of Claimant)

NEIGHBORS' AFFIDAVIT.

For the testimony of EMPLOYERS OR NEAR NEIGHBORS of soldier (other than relatives), showing his present physical disability, as required under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

State of Michigan, County of Clinton, ss.
In the matter of the application for pension of William R. Dutton Father of Joseph A. Dutton Co. G 13th Regt. U.S. Infantry Claim No. 537522

ON THIS 30 day of April A. D. 1892 personally appeared before me, a

Nancy Robbie in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths
George W. Dutton aged 45 years, a resident of Eagle
in the County of Clinton and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Eagle
William H. Dutton aged 57 years, a resident of Eagle
in the County of Clinton and State of Michigan

whose Post Office address is Eagle well known to me to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being duly sworn, declare in relation to the aforesaid

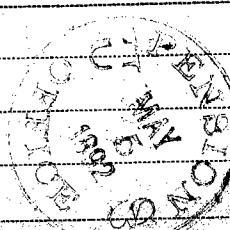
case as follows: That they have been well and personally acquainted with Plaintiff for 30 years, and 50 years respectively, and that each one do state for himself that they have always from their infancy been acquainted with William R. Dutton and his family and know that Joseph A. Dutton his son who was a Pensioner and drew a pension on Certificate No. 127977 and

that he was the main support of said Plaintiff William R. Dutton and that the said Soldier Joseph A. Dutton and William R. Dutton lived together as one family for the last ten years that the said William R. Dutton Father of Joseph A. Dutton is an old man about seventy six years old according to his family record which we have seen often we also know that he has no valuable means of support and has not had any means of his own for the last ten years only such as Joseph A. Dutton provided us means of knowing these facts are that we have lived near neighbor to said William R. Dutton for many years and in fact we have been acquainted with the family from our infancy up to the present time.

Instructions—read carefully.

The witness must state:

1st. Their respective ages and occupation; the length of time they have known the soldier, and how long during that period they have employed, worked, with or for him, or lived in the same neighborhood with him and how near to him.
2d. If they have employed or worked with him they should state where it was and at what business; or if they know him as neighbors only they should state about what distance from him they live; how frequently they see him and converse with him, and how intimate they are with him, and from what disease or disability he is suffering with at present, and whether at any time he is obliged to stop work by reason of his alleged disabilities. In this connection, if the witnesses have been his employers, or have worked with him or for him, they should state about what proportion of a sound, able-bodied man's work he is able to do—whether 1/4, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, or as the case may be; what his actual earnings are, and whether or not the wages paid him are less in amount, and how much less on account of his inability to labor than is paid to others physically sound, and doing the same kind of work. They should also state how they are able to say what his disabilities are, and describe fully and clearly the symptoms as they appear to them in his case; in fact, describe his physical condition fully, and show whether or not he is suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of his own vicious habits and the extent which he is incapacitated from the performance of manual labor, or the degree he has been unable to earn a support since the filing of his claim.



CLAIM FOR INVALID PENSION.

Printed and Sold by Benton & Andrews, Rochester, N. Y.

State of New York,
COUNTY OF Steuben } ss.

On this 25th

day of November

one thousand eight hundred and sixty five personally appeared before me Joseph A. Sutton of the Court of said County Court, within and for the County and State aforesaid in the County of Steuben in the State of New York, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Joseph A. Sutton who enlisted in the service of the United States at Danville W. Va. on the 18th day of October in the year 1861 as a private in Company G commanded by Captain Ralph T. W. D. in the 13th Regiment of New York volunteers in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged at Rochester in the State of New York on the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1863; that while in the service of the aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, he received the following wounds - viz -

a gun shot wound in the right thigh, being inflicted by a minie ball fired from the rebel works at Yorktown Virginia on the 2nd day of May 1862 while dependent or as in the line of his duty at Yorktown aforesaid - that deponent was removed to Field Hospital and thence to United States Gen. Hospital at Georgetown D. C. - thence after being removed to various Hospitals he was finally sent to U. S. Gen. Hospital at South 24th Street Philadelphia from whence on expiration of term of service of regiment deponent was sent to Rochester N. Y. for muster out - that deponent is greatly injured by said wound and impeded in the doing of manual labor, and that deponent has no means of living except by his labor.

Deponent further says he resides at Maryland Steuben County N. Y. and his Post Office address is Maryland.

He makes this Declaration in order to obtain the pension to which he is entitled by virtue of his service and the disability aforesaid, under the Act of Congress approved July 14th, 1862.

Also, personally appeared A. A. Lason and Melvin V. Smith residents of the State of Maryland in the County of Steuben in said State of New York, persons whom I certify to be respectable, and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say, that they were present, and saw Joseph A. Sutton sign his name to the foregoing declaration; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and they further state that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, by said Joseph A. Sutton the said declarant, and by A. A. Lason and M. V. Smith the said witnesses respectively, this 25th day of November 1865. And I certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Oscarwell Clark

crh

C.R.

and you in particular are my man 'cause I got 'em you know
how to do your own thing son over by me. I b/s you will
make more cash refresher off my boys than
you think. You go to my place and I'll get ya
a job for you and you can always try to make
the same pay range as they got it or more

for all time; & it is
now. We have seen
nothing like it since
the days of the
old world. The
whole country
is covered with
green grass & flowers
of every kind, &
the air is full of
the fragrance of
the blossoms.
The people are
very friendly &
kind, & we have
had a most
pleasant stay.
We will be
back in time
to catch the
train at 12 o'clock
to get us home.

INDEX

TO SPECIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Claim of Nancy J. Sutton

No. 668.624

the underlying cause of poor results, though
mostly, external influences, often hard to
see. It's dangerous to sit & do nothing. One
should take the offensive & go to work. The
bottom line is that one should not be afraid
of failure. One can't win without failing.
There is no room for moderation. The second
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of the old man who had been a
member of the Chamber of Commerce
and Manufacturers, and Commerce of
the City of Philadelphia.

of hours off the money to whom you would
possibly send your account, as all the funds
in the lesson no. 668624, Wm. H. G.
are under order of Master G. Dutton, Co., 13.H.W.G.
the Commissioner for the offices address
to H. L. M., Minister of, Education &, Language
to "Mr. Chas. Chase" of, the same place.

W. L. Gossamer, M.S., Prof. of Entomology, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

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She resided at Sandy Creek N.Y.,
the evidence shows clearly that
Claimant and Soldier were recognized
as husband and wife
from the time they came to Sandy
Creek until the end of Soldier's life.
There is no evidence of any letters of
separation or that Claimant was ever
divorced from Soldier. I searched
the Court records of Oneida Co., N.Y.,
from 1875 until 1892, but found no
record of any divorce between these
parties. I interviewed the only attorney in
Sandy Creek N.Y. who was living there
at the time the Claimant and Soldier
separated, Mr. Asaiah Post, he is
now almost 80 years old and his
memory is somewhat impaired. He
thinks if there was ever letters of
separation made out between the
Claimant and Soldier he made them
but he has no recollection of any
thing of the kind. If there a fact that
there were letters of separation, and not on absolute
divorce, Claimant would under the law of N.Y.
be held as Soldier's legal widow. The only question
in this case is has the action resulted in the
of Aug. 7, 1882, ~~and the fact~~ ^{taken} in Cleveland and
determined by the decree of the ~~Cleveland~~ ^{Supreme} Court
that ~~Claimant has~~ ^{Claimant has} ~~been~~ ^{been} the Soldier
etc. I recommend the the Claims be submitted
for the consideration of the Board of Review,
Very respectfully
C. J. Mason
Special Examiner

DEPOSITION

B

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624.

On this 6 day of October, 1891, at
 Township of Grand, county of Cheboygan
 State of Mich., before me, J.C. O'Connell, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
John Patrick Hyde, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 40 years of age; my post-office address is Onaway;
 Presque Isle Co. Mich. farming.
 I was born in the town of T. Lawrence,
 Oneida Co. N.Y., was raised in Owego
 Co. N.Y.

Q Did you ever live in Sandy Creek N.Y.?
 A Yes, that was after the war, about
 eighteen years ago.

Q Did you ever know anybody by the
 name of Dementitt in Sandy Creek?

A Yes, I do. Dementitt. Also knew
 Charles Dementitt at Fairville, O.

Q Did you ever know one Mary Dementitt?
 A Mary Jane Dementitt before she was
 married. First knew her at Maple
 Hill, N.Y.

Q Did you ever keep a saloon at
 Sandy Creek N.Y.?

A No Sir.

Q Did you ever tend bar at Tonawanda
 N.Y.?

A Yes Sir.

Q With whom were you living there
 at Tonawanda N.Y.?

A Yes Sir, I lived with Mary J. Sutton,
 went by that name anyway yes,
 that was the Mary Jane Dementitt
 were you married to her or only kept her?
 A Only kept her, that was all. She was

D Keeping house for me.

D How many Children did you have born to you by her and how many are now dead?

S Not any that I know any about — not any now living anyway. She had no children after she left her husband. Yes, I know her husband, Joseph Cotton, first at Maple Hill. N.Y. that was when I was a kid.

I There was a man there Andy McDowell who used to stay board with them and it was reported that the oldest child of theirs belonged to Andy McDowell. She was a woman "took him washing" any where.

S Did she ever take in your washing?

S Yes, (laughing) she took in lots off washing for me, yes, that's what I mean I had several intercourse with her often. Yes, I had this intercourse with her when I was living at Tonawanda, N.Y. when she was keeping house for me there. Yes, she used to go by my name Mrs. Hyde. I had a saloon of my own then, not-keeping bar or saloon for her. When I was there at Tonawanda, N.Y. I was keeping her. We lived together in the same house. Her husband was then in Sandy Creek, N.Y.

D Where were you living the year of President Harrison's election?

John P. Hyde
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of over,
189_____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

DEPOSITION

B

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624.

On this

O day of

, 189 , at

State of

County of

before me,

, a

special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions personally appeared

, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am years of age; my post-office address is

A I must been up here in Cheboygan Mich.
 I lost my eye the fall of 1882 that
 summer I kept saloon at Tonawanda
 and she lived with me then. Yes, she
 claimed she had children by me. I expect
 she claimed she had children by me.
 I don't think she was separate from
 her husband then. I heard they were
 married.

Q Did you ever live with her in Fairville, O?
 A Yes, that was before I lived with her at
 Tonawanda, N.Y.

A No, I never lived with her in Detroit, Mich.
 I lived with her down in Cheboygan,
 Mich. awhile.

Q Did she take in your washing at
 Cheboygan, also?

A I guess she did and others too.

Q That was sometime about the time
 Cleveland was elected the first time.

E When did you last see her?

A I guess the next spring I left her
 and advertised her in the paper not
 to let her have anything in my name
 because she passed as my wife.

And I advertised in the paper that she
 was not my wife. That was the spring
 that Cleveland took the Presidential Chair.

I saw her the 4 of July that year at a dance in Cheboygan. I saw her there, but did not speak to her.

Q Do you remember where you were in January 1891?

A I was here in Cheboygan.

I was married the second time in 1892. After I married her.

I staid in Cheboygan and married there my first wife. I have never seen this Mary J. Sutton since that 4 of July. Yes, I drove from Sandy Creek to Pleasant Bay one night to the Palmer House with her.

Q Did she take in your "washing" that night?

A No Sir, did not stay there long enough. I was boarding with her and her husband at Ferry Creek, that was long before Cleveland's first election.

When I was boarding with them there she used to "take in my washing" there yes, at any time. Yes we passed among the neighbors as husband and wife at Cheboygan. She used to speak of me as her husband. I never introduced her as my wife. No, I don't know whether Joseph Sutton is dead. I never saw him since he stopped with us at Townswanda, N.Y. when he was on the way to Mich. to his people.

Q Did he know that you and Mary J. Sutton were living together then as man and wife?

John P. Hyde
Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 189_____, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

DEPOSITION

B

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668,624

On this

day of

Oct.,

, 189 , at

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before me,

special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared.

who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am years of age; my post-office address is

I presume he thought so. He never said anything to me about it.

Do you know whether there was ever a divorce between them?

They were talking of getting or giving a pass bill. She said that she would give him a pass bill.

I agree to part I don't know whether there was anything done. He sold her once for a balance of flour, I think it was. Sold her away and got his pay for it.

I heard them both say that, that was before I boarded with them. Before you boarded with them did she "take in your washing"?

No I boarded with them at Sandy Creek N.Y. long before Cleveland's first election. I think when I was fifteen, seventeen years old.

Do you know to whom he sold her?

To my brother Jim. He boarded with them then. He is dead. That was at Duluth, Minn. I think, that was before I boarded with her. By the last I know she must have been taking in his washing or he must be getting his washing done by her too.

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Are you positive that you never married her?

A Yes. She left Cheboygan that year that I do know her. And I don't know what her relations have been since, whether she married or cohabited with any body.

The Eliza at Cheboygan with a woman Battell, who kept a sporting house.

I have no insight.

I understand your questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

John P. Hyde

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of October, 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

J. O. Carmell

Special Examiner.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Ohio }
 COUNTY OF Saybrook } SS.

In the matter of the claim for pension of Mary J widow of
Joseph A Sutton (Character of Claim)
(Name of Claimant, the Name and Service of Soldier.)

Personally came before me, a..... Notary Public..... in and for the
 Justice, Notary, Judge, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

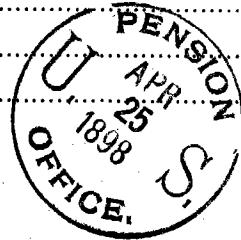
County and State aforesaid..... Mary J Sutton, the claimant,
(Here write the name of the Affiant or of each Affiant, together with the Postoffice address.)

person of lawful age, who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid claim, as follows:

The statement that my late husband and I entered into an agreement of separation is not true - all that refers to it, I refused to live with him on account of his bad habits, infidelity, etc - I told him that I refused to live with him, and he went to his home in Michigan and that was all there was to it. The statement made by his brother George A. Sutton, that we had a lawyer at Sandy Creek, & I drew up articles of separation, is not so, at least I do not remember that any such action was taken, and I no doubt would remember it - We were never divorced from each other, of this I feel certain. It is stated in my application, I was married to the late Joseph A. Sutton at Byron, Mich - about the year 1868 - in the fall of the year - We went to the home of the Methodist Minister, and I think his name was Wright - He married us in the presence of my wife & son - I have made inquiries at the County Clerks Office for a copy of the record of my marriage with Joseph A. Sutton. But am told that there is no record - In those days it was not necessary to get a license & records of marriage were not so carefully kept.

I am the lawful widow of Joseph A. Sutton -

Mary J Sutton



[SEE OTHER SIDE.]

.....further declare that.....no interest in said claim, and.....not concerned in its prosecution.

If either Affiant signs by X mark, two persons who write their names MUST sign here as witnesses thereto.

1
.....(Name of one witness to X mark.)
Signature of _____
Affiant or of _____
each Affiant. {
2
.....(Name of other witness to X mark.)

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 20 day of April 1898
at Cleveland, in the County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio
and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known and explained to the affiant before swearing thereto, including the words

(If any words have been erased in this affidavit, enter them here.)

.....erased and the words

(If any words have been added in place of any erased, enter them here.)

added: that the affiant is to me well known and is apparently respectable and worthy of full credit, and
(Is or are.)

I fully certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.....

[L. S.]

John A. Brumhardt
(Name of Officer before whom executed.)

Notary Public

(State whether Justice, Notary, Clerk or Deputy Clerk.)

The Officer before whom this Affidavit is Executed must note in his Certificate all Erasures and Interlineations, as indicated above.

Note.—This paper may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. Certificate of Clerk of Court need not be attached; but will be procured when called for by the Department. In numerous instances the official character of the Notary or Magistrate is already officially known at the Department.

1-26-98-10M.

W.D. No. 668-62 REC'D APR 29 1898
CASE NO. F. 18547
RECEIVED
APR 29 1898
ESTATE OF
MARY J. BUTTERFIELD
widow of Joseph
A. Butterfield

199-13-N.Y. Sup. Vols.
FOR

AFFIDAVIT OF

John A. Brumhardt

no agreement to appear

for the estate of
Mary J. Butterfield
widow of Joseph
A. Butterfield

FILED BY

MILB. STEVENS & CO.

SOLICITORS OF CLAIMS

Cleveland, Ohio

DEPOSITION

C

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 1668724

On this 17 day of April, 1891, at
 Sandy Creek, county of Orange,
 State of New York, before me, E. F. Mason, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
Edward Williams, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to him during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 52 years of age; my post-office address is Sandy Creek
 Orange Co., N.Y. Occupation Farmer.
 I have been a resident of this town for
 35 years. I was formerly acquainted with
 Joseph A. Sutton and his wife Mary J.
 Sutton they lived here as husband and
 wife for a good many years. He did not
 live here until after the war and he
 lived here until some time in the 80's
 I lived a neighbor to them during the
 last year or two that he lived here. I remember
 he bought a house of C. H. Sargent with pension
 money. They lived in this house when living
 neighbor to me. I remember they did not
 live very nobly together, they had quite
 numerous quarrels, he did not fully
 pay for his place when he bought it.
 He was then keeping store here, and he
 got in debt to me and others, and in
 order to get my pay I took a mortgage
 on his house, about this time he and his
 wife separated. I am mistaken. She left
 him before I took the mortgage. There
 was a mortgage ahead of mine, and I think
 he little with his wife with the money he
 got on the first mortgage. I know I
 paid off the first mortgage and thus took
 on this. The claimant had left him
 before I took my mortgage. Finally

had to foreclose my mortgage, but he did it here before I foreclosed the mortgage. I remember Paddy Hyde and it was said the Claimant went off with him when she left her husband. I don't know when they went and have never heard any thing of them since. I never heard the Claimant was divorced from her husband or that there was any letter of separation. The Claimant and Joseph A. Dalton were recognized as husband and wife during all the time they live together here, and they had together at the time she went off with Paddy Hyde. I am not related and have no interest. I have heard this deposition and have understood the questions and my answers are correctly recorded.

Edward Williams
Deponent

Deponent.

1903 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April, 1891, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

E. F. Mason

Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 648424

On this 13th day of April, 1899, at Barnesville, county of Licking, State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Lattie Street, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 55 years of age; my post-office address is as above. I am a widow. I became acquainted with the claimant the winter of 57 & 58. We were little girls together. She is not more than a year or two younger than I. She lived with her people on the shore of Cannon Dam late. Her maiden name was Wernerritt. I also knew the soldiers. He used to play for dances that we attended before his marriage to claimant. He had not been married prior this I know. He was just a young boy. Claimant had moved to what was known as Blood's corners before her marriage and I only know of the marriage by hearsay. I never met them after their marriage. I heard of her marriage at the time. Heard it talked of - then our folks moved from there and they moved away and I never saw her till about three years ago last Sept. She has never lived here since I came back to this town from Dakota. I know by hearsay that she and her husband had separated but that is all. I do not know whether they ever divorced. I heard of them through my sister Mrs. Wernerritt but I often would not hear of her

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for years. I made an affidavit in the case. The attorney wrote me a list of questions and I answered them the best I could and he wrote out the affidavit and sent it to me and I read it over and thought it was all right and signed & swore to it. I never visited claimant after I came here. I am not related and have no interest in the case.

My answers have been correctly recorded

Lottie E. Sweet

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of
1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 64824

On this 30th day of January, 1899, at Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph H. Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared
 Lillie Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 28 years of age; my post-office address is 67 Morrison
 St. I am Cleveland's daughter.
 I do not remember how old I was when
 my father and mother separated.
 I remember it very well. I do not remember
 how long they had been separated before
 she came here to Ohio. I lived with my
 mother till I was 15 years of age.
 She never lived with Hyde or cohabited
 with him as his wife to my knowledge.
 I have known the Hyde family ever
 since I can remember. I do not know
 where Patrick Hyde is now. His brothers
 lived about Sandy Creek till last I knew
 of them. Patrick Hyde boarded with
 us before we came to Ohio.
 He did not sleep with my mother when
 we were in Parma. She slept with
 me & my younger sister and we were
 all at my Uncle's house. I was with
 my mother at Yanaconda N.Y.
 They did not sleep together till
 I was at my grandfather's in -
 Chelby Corn Mich. She was there
 too though she worked a short
 time in Chelby Corn. Hyde was
 up town. He did not stop with
 her at my grandfather's. She left
 me at my grandfather's (her father)

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When she came back to Painesville I have been married and am from divided. I came here to live with my mother three years ago the seventh of this month. I never met Frank Knobles but once I corresponded with my mother. I always addressed her as Mrs. Sutton. I never address a letter to her in any other name. I wrote to her while she was here with Knobles. Sometimes the letters were addressed to her house number, and sometimes the General delivery. She never signed any other name than Mary Jane Sutton when addressing me.

I have understood your questions and my answers have been correctly recorded.

Lillian Sutton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of January, 1892, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION C

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668623

On this 1st day of Feb, 1899, at
Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 45 years of age; my post-office address is G. H.
Murison of

I am the claimant in this case
 and desire to withdraw my
 application for pension

I lived with Frank Knawles as I
 have stated I do not know when
 we separated I have no way
 of fixing the date. While I deny
 that we sustained improper
 relations towards each other
 still I traveled with him and
 went by the name of Knawles
 and I have no means of
 proving that our relations were
 not the same as man and
 wife. He is now married
 and I do not want him or
 others dragged into this matter
 I am going away the 1st of
 April as soon as I can get away
 and do not know where
 my address will be after that.
 I have understood your questions
 and my answers have been
 correctly recorded.

Mrs Mary J. Sutton

I have read over

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Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of Febo.,
1897, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
before signing.

Joseph Hall
Special Examiner.

DEPOSITION B

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 668624

On this 30th day of Jan, 1899, at
Cleveland, county of Franklin
 State of Ohio, before me, Joseph Hall, a
 special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared

Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to
 answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special
 examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 45 years of age; my post-office address is 62 Morrison

St. I am acquainted with Patrick Hyde. He came to Painesville after I did. He did not come with me. I came there with him and he came there afterward. He was just a friend I knew him in New York. He never lived with me as my husband. He was at my brother's house with me but he did not room or sleep with me. I never lived in Petoskey Mich. with Patrick Hyde. I never lived with him anywhere. I have never seen him since I left him in Painesville that I remember. John P. Hyde was not his name. I do not know anyone by that name. I was in Tonawanda N.Y. a few months. Patrick Hyde tended bar for me. I kept a Saloon and Hotel. This was soon after I left my husband. I do not know when. I never lived at Cheboygan Mich. I was there a short time visiting my father. Yes I met Patrick Hyde there. He was working in the lumber woods. Some people called me Mrs Hyde when I first returned to Painesville but I told everyone it was not my name.

My brother's people were to blame for that. They thought it would be better to have

I know as Mrs. H. try to avoid talk
 I cannot tell how long I had been living
 separate from my husband before I came
 to Painesville. I know Frank Knowles
 he had a photograph gallery here in Cleveland
 and I was known as Mrs. Knowles.
 I was his house keeper and I had what
 little money I had in the business.
 I never lived or celebrated with him as
 his wife and when we dissolved our part-
 nership I told everyone my name was
 not Knowles. We were at Youngstown
 Akron & numerous places in the photographic
 business together but I never told anyone we
 were married. My youngest daughter
 was with me all the time I was keeping
 house for Knowles. We dissolved partnership
 between five and six years ago.
 We were only in Youngstown a week. We boarded
 with a lady there. We were only in Akron about
 2 months. We were taking rooms there.
 He might have said I was his wife but
 he never introduced me as his wife.
 and I know I never introduced him as
 my husband. I had no children except
 by my husband. I gave birth to one in
 Painesville when I came there first. Then
 I went back and lived with him and
 I had another by him. I have never
 had but 4 children. 2 of them are still
 living.

Mary J. Setton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Jan.,
 1899, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent
 before signing.

Joseph Hale
 Special Examiner.

N. B.—Examiners should be particular to have affiants sign on the line next below the closing words of their depositions so as to leave little or no space between their signatures and the end of their depositions.

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DEPOSITION

Case of Mary J. Sutton, No. 648424

On this 24th day of March, 1898, at
Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga
State of Ohio, before me, Josephine Hall, a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared
Mary J. Sutton, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this Special Examination of afore-
said pension claim, deposes and says: I am 44 years of age
Residence & P.O. address 621 Munson St Cleveland O
Occupation anything I can get to do.
I generally work on the Lakes or a boat
through the summer. I was born and
raised in New York State near Canandaigua
Waverly was my P.O. address. My husband
Joseph Sutton worked for the Patchen family
at Concordia Lake for 13 years.
I was married to soldier about three years
after the war. I cannot give date for any-
thing my memory is too bad. I never
lived at home after I was 16 years of age.
I was living with Mrs. Kripp who lived
near Swan Lake in New York when I got
acquainted with soldier I do not remember
the name of the place or her given name.
She had a son Samuel Kripp.
I left there with soldier to go to see his
people at Conney Limestone Co Mich.
We intended to get married but he had
been paying some attention to one of the
Kripp girls and I would not marry
him there so we agreed to go to where
his people lived and get married there.
We got off the train at Brown Mich and
hired a man to take us to Conney.

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We were married in Marion before we started. Neither of us had been previously married. We were married by a minister I got a certificate but it was destroyed by fire shortly after our marriage I think the minister was a Methodist and that his name was Wright but am not sure his wife & son were the only witnesses. We lived with his people something over a year and then we went back to Pulaski Oswego Co N.Y. We lived there 10 or 12 years John Weavitt & his family were our best friends there and often visited us after we moved from there. We moved from there to Sandy Creek Oswego Co N.Y. We lived there several years I do not know how long but there is where we separated. I came to Painesville I to my brother Charles De Mervitt I worked in Painesville 8 years I had two children I took the youngest and left the other there at Sandy Creek. They are both with me now. Soldiers man was very properly intimate with the hired girl and I could not stand it He wanted the children but I took both of them away from him I brought them both to Painesville but the oldest one went to her grand parents and I saw no more of her till after she had been married. I came here from Painesville and have never lived anywhere but here and Painesville since I separated from my husband. I never applied for divorce and I do not think he did for I received no notice and he has always known where I was and has been to see me to get me to go back to him but I would not go. That was a few years after we

separated. She had no written agreement
about a separation. I never signed any paper
with him except when I was going to leave.
him I signed away my rights of choice
in the place he owned and he sold out
and went to Mich to his people where he lived
till his mother died when he went to his
brother George and lived there till he was
killed. His father is dead now I heard
this from his brother George. I was always
on good terms with all his people.
Soldier had a wound in his hip which gave
him trouble when he over worked or the weather
was bad. I have never married or lived
with any man as his wife since I
left Soldier. I have no property whatever
the furniture I have bought on the instalment
plan and due 40.00 on it yet.

Mrs Sweet 118 Walnut St Parmaville O
has known me from child hood. and
I worked there for Mr Morrison.
Here I have worked by the day & by the
week and taken in work and treat
every way to get along.
I have understood your questions and
my answers have been correctly recorded

Mary J. Atton

Deponent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of Dec
1898, and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

Joseph Hale

Special Examiner.